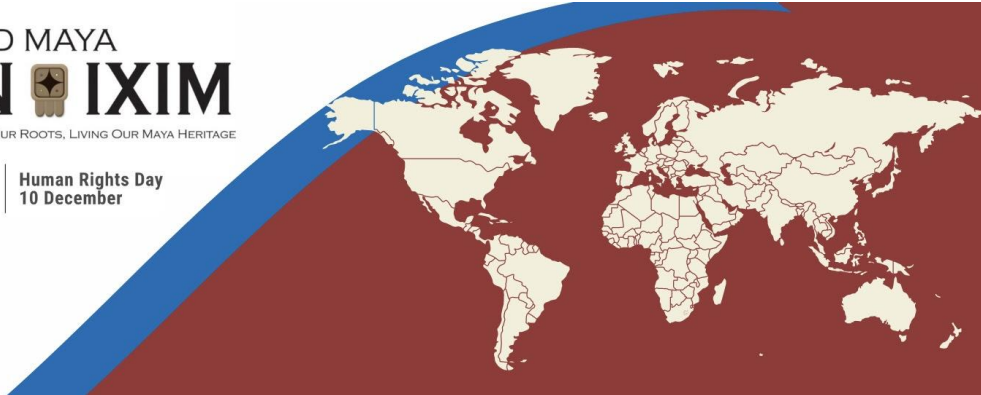


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Human Rights Day
10 December



What does Human Rights Day *mean*?



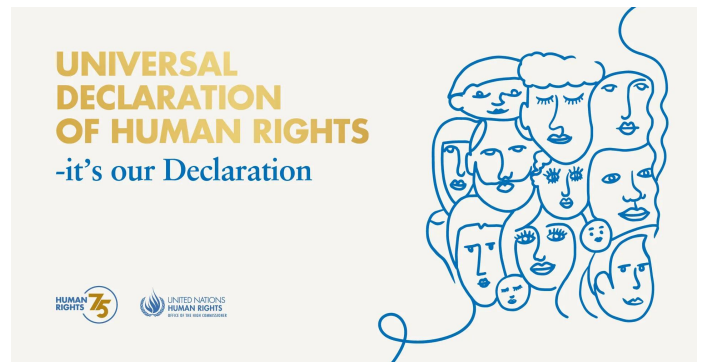
The 10th of December 2023 commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which is considered one of the most significant international pledges. This document establishes the rights that every individual is inherently entitled to as a human being, irrespective of their race, color, religion, gender, language, political or other beliefs, national or social background, property, birth, or any other position.

The Declaration was officially announced by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 and establishes the essential rights of all individuals that should be universally protected. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>

What does Human Rights mean for Indigenous Peoples?

The General Assembly adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) on Thursday, 13 September 2007. This declaration is the most comprehensive international document regarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This document sets a comprehensive set of basic criteria that must be met to ensure the survival, dignity, and well-being of Indigenous Peoples worldwide. It further expands upon current human rights standards and fundamental freedoms, specifically addressing the specific challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples.

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/united-nations-declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples>



What does human rights day mean to CMPI?

The Maya & Indigenous Human Rights Program (MIHRP) is a Maya and Indigenous led program with a focus on advocating for the rights of Maya and Indigenous Peoples in both the United States and our ancestral lands. The MIHRP has four main Maya led programs and areas of focus: Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy, Social Services, Human Rights in Maya Territories, and Maya Civic Engagement. Our primary office resides within the Omaha Nation Territory, however our advocacy efforts span nationwide. With dedicated Maya and Indigenous advocates in key locations strategically positioned in important regions around the United States, such as Omaha, NE, Los Angeles, CA, San Diego, CA, and the Arizona U.S. - Mexico Border Region.

<https://www.pixanixim.org/maya--indigenous-peoples-human-rights-program.html>

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The infographic features four icons representing the programs: 1. Immigration Services & Legal Advocacy: A circular icon with a scale of justice, a document, and a graduation cap, surrounded by a laurel wreath. 2. Social Services: An icon of two hands holding a heart above a tree. 3. Human Rights in Maya territories: An icon of a hand holding a scale of justice over a map of the United States. 4. Maya Civic Engagement: An icon of a globe with various symbols like a graduation cap, a heart, and a hand.

- Immigration Services & Legal Advocacy
- Social Services
- Human Rights in Maya territories
- Maya Civic Engagement

Why is Asylum important?

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights outlined by the United Nations affirms that all individuals possess the right to freedom of movement and the ability to seek asylum in other countries in order to escape persecution.

The imposition of asylum restrictions exacerbates the difficulties experienced by indigenous people and families, many of whom are seeking asylum from instances of violence, forced displacement from their ancestral territories, and socioeconomic deprivation...

- Lola Marina Juan, Interim Director of CMPI