

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa And Q'anjob'al Maya Nation

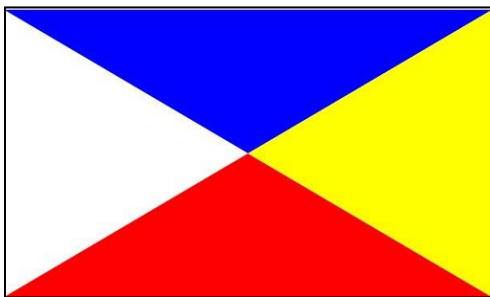
*A Relationship to Inspire More Strategic Alliances Among Native Nations
Throughout the World*

In a ceremony held on August 9, 2022, *Global Indigenous Peoples Day*, members of Indigenous Communities gathered at the Maya Community Center to partake in a Cedar Ceremony, a Commemoration Ceremony honoring the Diplomatic Relations Treaty between the two nations, and a Breaking the Mourning Ceremony.

The ceremonies were led by **Dr. Rudi Mitchell** (Omaha), Great-Great-Great Grandson of Chief Big Elk, Former Chairman of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa (1992-1995), Ambassador to the Q'anjob'al Mayan Government, and Professor Emeritus of Native American Studies at Creighton University; **Vernon Miller**, Former Chairman of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa (1992-1996), Director of the Tufts University Indigenous Center; **Jeff Gilpin**, Roadman, Native American Church; **Luis Marcos**, Spiritual and Political Authority, Q'anjob'al Maya Nation, Ambassador to the Omaha Nation; and **Lola Marina Juan Tomas**, Spiritual and Political Authority, Q'anjob'al Maya Nation.

The Establishment of the Diplomatic Relationship between the Omaha Nation and the Q'anjob'al Maya Nation was commemorated by a reading of the resolutions, which established bilateral relations between the Omaha Nation and the Q'anjob'al Maya Nation.

It is the hope of the governments of both the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa and the Q'anjob'al Maya Nation that other Native Nations and Indigenous Communities worldwide establish similar formalizations of diplomatic relations as a message of solidarity and commitment to shared values to each other and the world at large.



August 9, 2022



PHOTO: A sign points to the Opening Ceremonies of the 2022 Indigenous Peoples Summit, which included a Commemoration Ceremony, a Cedar Ceremony and a Breaking the Mourning Ceremony



PHOTO: The Maya Community Sacred Site serves as the location for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2022 Indigenous Peoples Summit