



## *Arise and Build*

*We the People, The Host People of Turtle Island, the purveyors of the Great Law of Peace and the brokers of Covenant Chain Diplomacy, declare and decree that it is our nature as First Nations believers to be free beings set free by our Creator.*

*We are not Indians nor are we Native Americans. We are much older than both of those concepts. We are “Onkwewehonwe” Human beings created in the likeness and image of our Creator – The Children of God.*

*The Great Law of Peace was given by Creator God to not only govern ourselves but to give as an example to the rest of the world. It is in our understanding that no man is greater than another and that all men should live in peace and freedom.*

*The Great Tree of Peace still extends its white roots of peace today to the four directions for any man to find and trace back the way to the outstretched branches of the Great Tree of Peace and bury forever the weapons of war and receive the power and freedom of forgiveness.*

*It is by the Power of Forgiveness that we tear down and uproot all hatred, bitterness, rage, and un-forgiveness.*

*Out of the ash heap of hope deferred, the cultural genocide of residential schools, the broken promises of solemn treaties and the constant warfare that reddened the earth with the blood of our ancestors who fought so valiantly for our freedom and that of the next seven generations. We will arise and build once again!*