\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nation Declaration of Data Sovereignty

The rights of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peoples, including those articulated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, are recognized in Canada through federal and provincial legislation.

Through this Declaration, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peoples, as a Nation of people who speak the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language, and who have a unique cultural identity, do assert that we are a distinct society that is self-determining and sovereign, with a right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ culture and identity. This document is intended to set the foundation for the exercise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rights in relation to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ data and intellectual property.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peoples collectively hold the rights to self-determination and self-government and these rights are asserted, at this time, through the following \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Indigenous Governing Bodies.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies are sovereign entities who have for millennia, worked together as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nation in advancing and protecting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interests, rights and title.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies commit to work together collectively as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nation, to assert data sovereignty and intellectual property rights on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people in order to protect the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ identity and take ownership and control of the data that relates to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peoples.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies assert ownership of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intellectual property and assert the right to maintain, control, protect and develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cultural heritage, language, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, as well as the manifestations of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sciences, technologies and culture, including but not limited to, human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games and visual and performing arts and assert ownership over the data that relates to these expressions and manifestations.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies assert ownership over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the data that relates to their peoples and their wellbeing; historic and contemporary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ population data. Working together as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nation, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies will assume data governance and information management functions to support their Community Development and Nation Rebuilding activities, regulating access to and possession of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ data and intellectual property.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies commit to work together, government-to-government and Nation-to-Nation with Canada and British Columbia, to develop a Tripartite Data Quality and Sharing Agreement and to develop a plan through which to fully implement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Nation data sovereignty, data governance and information management functions.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies commit to work together, government-to-government and Nation-to-Nation with other First Nations Governments in B.C. towards a vision of every Nation achieving data sovereignty, in alignment with their own worldview.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governing Bodies commit to work together with other Indigenous Governing Bodies in B.C. on a government-to-government and Nation-to-Nation basis, to collectively ensure ethical access to data to produce timely and frequent population and province-wide reports, to support comprehensive systems improvement and accountability.

MADE THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NATION.

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