

# THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

IN UNISON WE DECLARE THAT NATURE BE AFFORDED  
THE SAME RIGHTS AS PEOPLE

PARTICIPATORY CHOIR PERFORMANCE  
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2017 @ 4:30 PM IN THE GRANGE PARK



**WHEREAS THE EARTH AND  
HER LANDS, FORESTS,  
WATERS, COASTAL SEAS  
AND ATMOSPHERE AND THE  
SPECIES SHE NURTURES,  
COLLECTIVELY ENABLE  
HUMANITY'S EXISTENCE AND  
GROW CIVILIZATIONS AND  
INDIGENOUS CULTURES.**

WHEREAS CANADA AND  
HUMANITY'S DOMINANT  
PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT,  
PRODUCTION AND  
CONSUMPTION HAVE CAUSED,  
AND ARE CAUSING,  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
DEVASTATION, DEPLETION OF  
RESOURCES, EXTINCTION OF  
SPECIES AND THE  
IMPAIRMENT OF INDIGENOUS  
CULTURES.



WHEREAS THE EARTH AND  
THE SPECIES SHE  
NURTURES HAVE BECOME  
FRAGILE, AND SO TOO,  
CANADA AND  
HUMANITY'S FUTURE  
EXISTENCE IS FRAGILE AND  
PRECARIOUS.



**DECLARATION OF  
RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
GUARANTEE OF RIGHTS AND  
FREEDOMS:  
IN TRUST AND FAITH, THE  
EARTH HEREBY DECLARES  
THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
HUMANITY AND  
GUARANTEES THE  
CONCOMITANT  
PRIVILEGES AND RIGHTS.**

**ALL PEOPLE,  
REGARDLESS OF RACE,  
NATIONAL OR ETHNIC  
ORIGIN, COLOUR, RELIGION,  
SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL  
ORIENTATION, GENDER  
EXPRESSION, AGE OR  
ABILITY, HAVE THE  
FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL  
RESPONSIBILITIES:**



THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT  
THAT *WE ARE ALL ONE*,  
THAT EVERYTHING  
DEPENDS UPON EVERYTHING  
ELSE, THAT WE ARE ALL  
INTERCONNECTED AND  
INTERDEPENDENT AND OUR  
FATES ARE INEXTRICABLY  
INTERLINKED;







**THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
CONSERVE AND RESTORE  
THE EARTH AND THE  
SPECIES AND CULTURES SHE  
NURTURES:**





**THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL  
HARM AND TO MANAGE  
CANADA AND HUMANITY'S  
USE OF THE EARTH IN  
WAYS THAT DO NOT  
EXCEED THE EARTH'S  
INHERENT LIMITS AND  
WHICH MAINTAIN THE  
EARTH'S NATURAL CYCLES  
AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS;**

**AND  
THE RESPONSIBILITY TO  
CONSIDER AND RESPECT NOT  
ONLY PRESENT, BUT FUTURE  
GENERATIONS, THEREBY  
CHOOSING OUR COLLECTIVE  
FUTURE.**

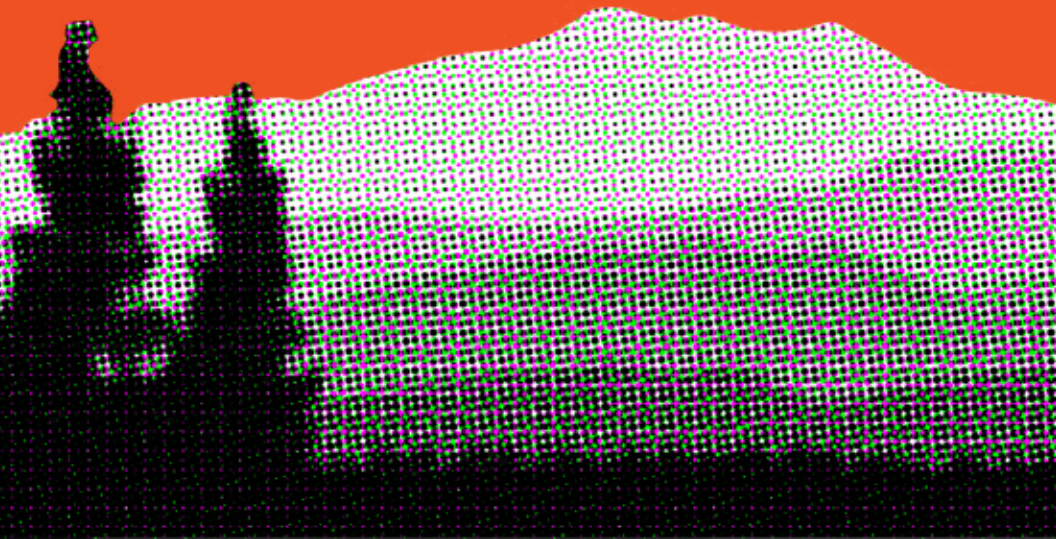


# CONCOMITANT RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES:



EVERY HUMAN BEING,  
COMMUNITY AND  
GOVERNMENT EARNS THE  
FOLLOWING PRIVILEGES AND  
RIGHTS WHEN THE  
FUNDAMENTAL  
RESPONSIBILITIES ARE  
FULFILLED:

# THE RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND SAFE FOOD:

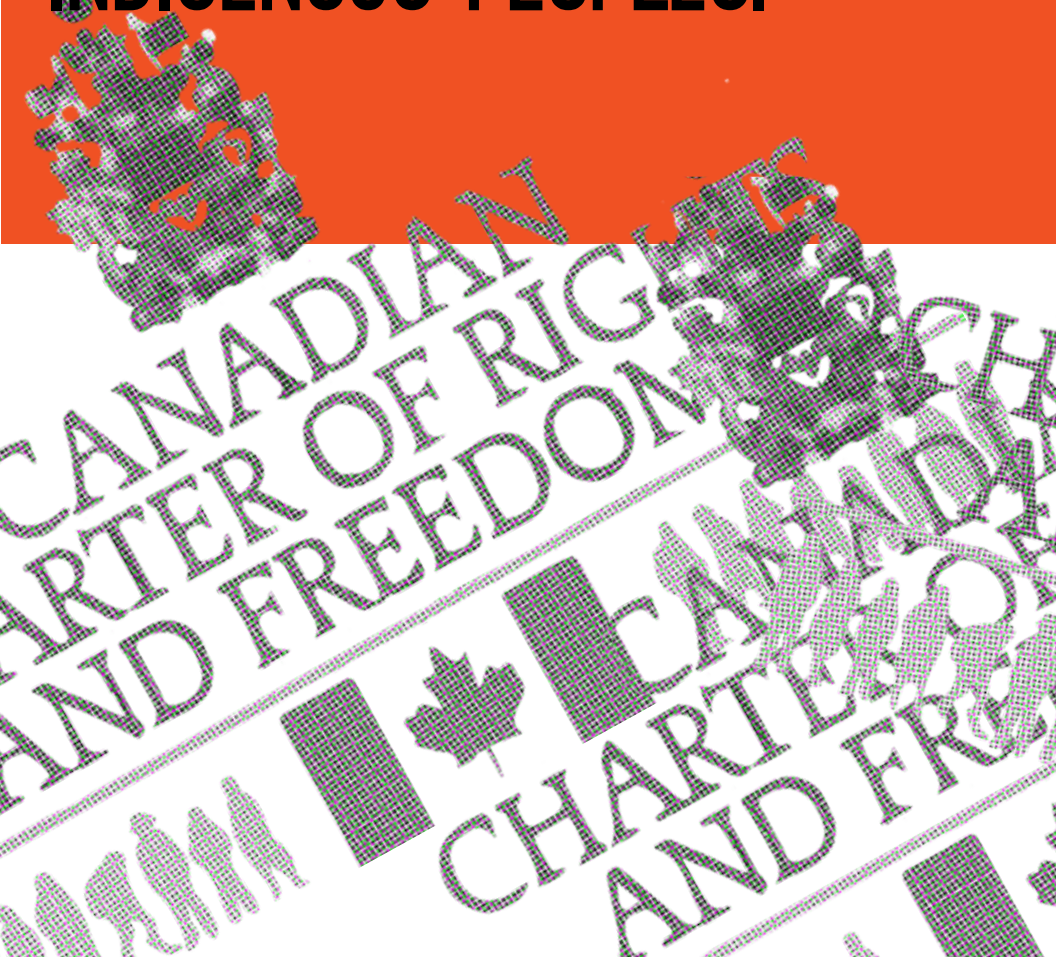




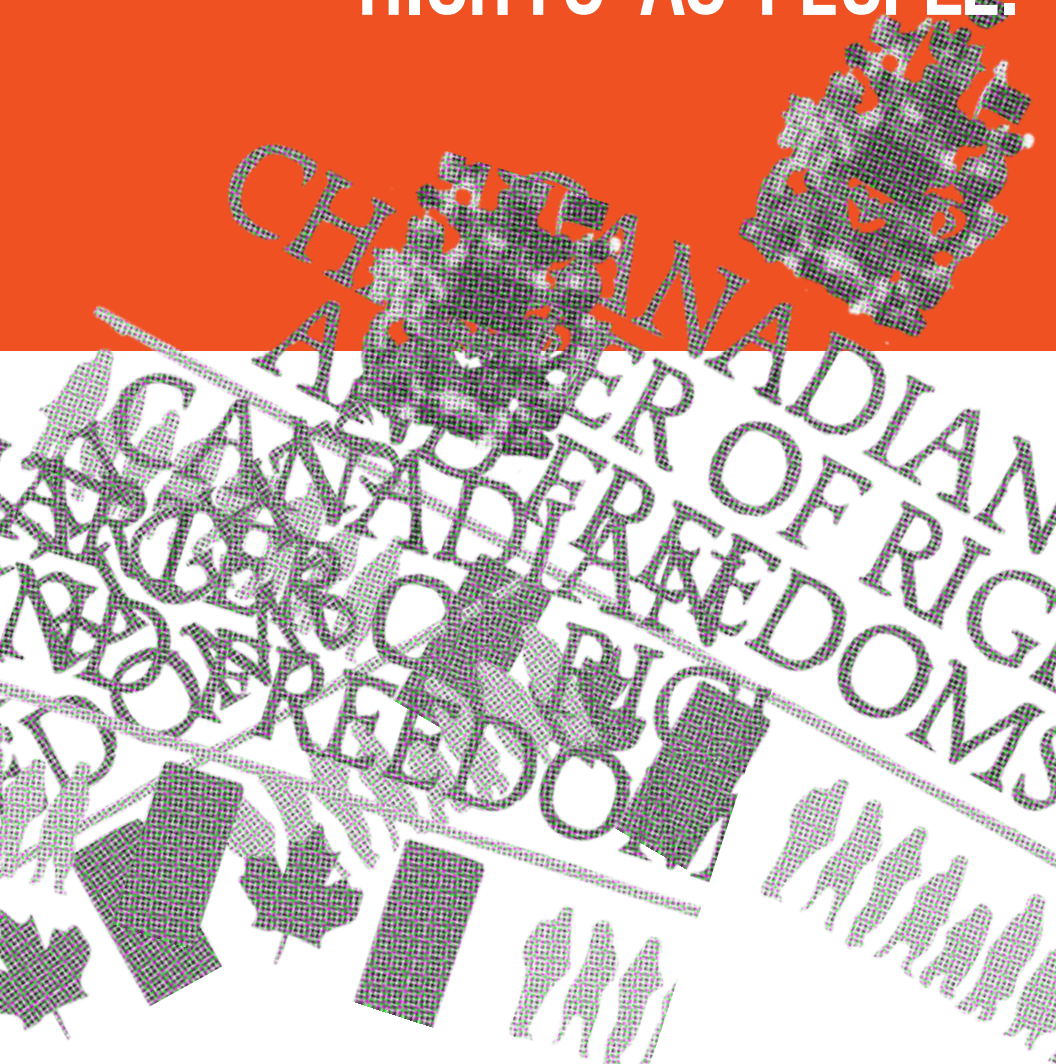
**THE PRIVILEGE OF  
BENEFITTING FROM THE  
EARTH AND THE SPECIES  
SHE NURTURES:**



**AND THE RIGHT TO  
MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN  
THE DISTINCTIVE SPIRITUAL  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE  
EARTH HELD BY  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.**



THESE ARE THE RIGHTS  
OF NATURE. WE DECLARE  
THAT NATURE BE  
AFFORDED THE SAME  
RIGHTS AS PEOPLE.





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