



NAHUACALLI

Embassy of the Indigenous Peoples

**The Offering of Cemanauak**  
The Four Gourds : World Water One

Tupac Enrique Acosta

The **Sacred Staffs of the Peace and Dignity Journeys** are now at the doorway of Kuna Yala, both North and South, ready to fulfill their mission of regenerating the Memory, Conscience, and Will of the Indigenous Nations of the continent. The continental ceremony of reunification of the tears of the Eagle and the Condor, the Condor and the Eagle will initiate on October 27.

As sacred instruments, what gives the staffs their power is the spiritual offerings which they have been gifted by each one of the creators, the runners, those who dreamt the vision, and all of the Indigenous Nations which realized the dream across the length and breadth of our mother continent, North, Central and South.

The weaving is now nearly complete. The loom of history and prophecy, of memory and dream, already shows in symbolic scriptures the message for the future generations. The message is now clearly seen, and understood. It is Father Sky who is the author; it is Tonantzin, our sacred Mother Earth who records the weave for the whole world, and for eternity.

And now the stars lend an ear, stretching slightly closer in order to better hear what their great great grandchildren of the Human Family, those of Abya Yala Itzachilatlan, will say. In the moment of silence it is heard, it is felt. The great seal of the Sacred Fire appears and from the coast of the continent the grandmother Sea initiates the healing of the entire planet.

Without a coastline there is no continent. The Sacred Staffs have done their part. The physical skeleton, the bone and blood infrastructure of our continental culture has been reincarnated in present tense: it is evident. The Sacred Staffs now ask for the **Four Gourds** of Ocean Waters: from the North East, South East, from the North West and South West coastline. Of these they shall partake and orient themselves once again to their origin and destiny, an offering of ocean.

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corporations. As part of the Sacred Mountains Alliance in the territory, the Nukutham of Baboquivan Mountains of the O'Odham Nations pledged their continued support to protect the sacred altars of the land across the continent.

The Tlahtokan Aztlan, traditional gathering of Indigenous Nations was convened at the Nahuacalli, Embassy of the Indigenous Peoples and is realized under the protocols of the Treaty of Teotihuacan which was proclaimed at the First Continental Summit of Indigenous Nations, Pueblos, and Organizations held in Mexico in the year 2000. The Second Continental Summit took place in Quito, Ecuador in July of 2004, and the Maya Nation of Guatemala will host the next continental summit in November of 2006. A delegation of the Tlahtokan Aztlan will attend, and serve as bridge organization for other delegations from North America. Plans were also laid for the continuation of the Peace and Dignity Journeys 2008, the fifth transcontinental Spiritual Run of the Confederation of the Eagle and the Condor, from the Arctic Circle in the North to Tierra del Fuego in the southern extremes of the continent.

The proclamation of Nican Tlacah Ilhuitl corresponds to traditional Mexica New Year celebrations of Xihuitl Chicuce Calli - Year Six House according to the Aztec Calendar, which is an annual anchor event hosted at the Nahuacalli in downtown Phoenix.



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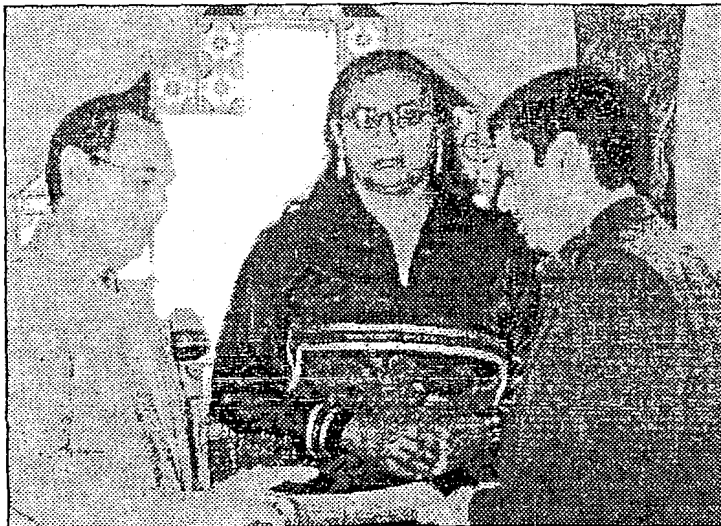
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## Phoenix mayor and United Nations representative attend Indigenous Peoples Day on March 12th

PHOENIX—A week-long program of events celebrating Nican Tlacah Ilhuitl - Indigenous Peoples Day concluded on March 12th at the Nahuacalli, Embassy of Indigenous Peoples located in downtown Phoenix.

Representatives from as far away as Peru and Central America who came to Phoenix to attend the Tlahtokan Aztlan, Traditional Gathering of Indigenous Nations participated in the official proclamation of Indigenous Peoples Day on Saturday, March 12th by Mayor Phil Gordon of Phoenix. The proclamation was delivered in person by Mayor Gordon to Mr. Wilton Littlechild, member of the Cree Nation, currently serving his second term as Rapporteur of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues which is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. After listening to the message by local leaders of the O'Odham Nations regarding the ancestral significance of South Mountain Park in Phoenix, the mayor's office made commitment to address the issues of recognition and respect for the Sacred Site as traditional altar of the Indigenous Peoples of the territory.



Mr. Wilton Littlechild, Cree, (L) and Rapporteur of the United Nations receives a proclamation from the City of Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon (R) with Shannon Rivers looking on.

Mr. Littlechild who was attending the Tlahtokan Aztlan for the second time, met in consultation with the delegations of the Indigenous Peoples, informing on the processes and challenges of working at the highest levels of the United Nations system. Two areas of priority emerged in the talks:

Protection of Sacred Sites and Indigenous Community Economic Development.

Both of these issues were addressed jointly at the TIANKIZCO Economic Summit, which occurred on Friday, March 11th as part of the Tlahtokan Aztlan. A working group of Indigenous Peoples of the regions is presently developing plans for the creation the TIANKIZCO

Continental Center of Indigenous Trade and Commerce in downtown Phoenix. Mr. Littlechild commended the initiative as being a "necessary strategy, an exercise of economic self determination by the Indigenous Peoples."

In particular, Mr. Littlechild who visited the Macehualli Day Labor Center in Phoenix when he last visited the territory commented on the International Treaty obligations which bind the government states to recognize and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples within the global context of Human Rights of Migratory Workers.

The discussions of the issues of the Indigenous Peoples continued through Saturday and Sunday, with a special youth focus on Saturday night including workshops and presentations of music and spoken word. A core group of participants was organized out of these sessions to offer support from the local community in the defense of the Sacred Sites of the Indigenous Peoples.

The recent approval of the Snowbowl operations on San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff was one of the issues prioritized for action, as well as the call from the representatives of the Gwichin Nations of Arctic Village, Alaska who attended the Tlahtokan Aztlan, requesting support to block the desecration of the National Arctic Wildlife Refuge by international petroleum

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La Ciudad de Phoenix  
Oficina del Alcalde  
Proclamación  
*NICAN TLACAH ILHUITL*

## DÍA DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS

DADO QUE la Organización de las Naciones Unidas ha proclamado el Segundo Decenio Internacional de los Pueblos Indígenas durante los años 2005 a 2015 por vía de resolución de la Asamblea General 59/174 del 22 de diciembre de 2004; y

DADO QUE la meta del Segundo Decenio Internacional de los Pueblos Indígenas es continuar fortaleciendo la cooperación internacional para la solución de los problemas a que se enfrentan los Pueblos Indígenas, en esferas tales como la cultura, la educación, las salud, los derechos humanos, el medio ambiente y el desarrollo social y económico; y

DADO QUE la meta del Segundo Decenio será actualizado por medio de programas orientados a la acción y proyectos específicos, con una mayor asistencia técnica y las actividades normativas pertinentes; y

DADO QUE el proyecto TIANKIZCO, como propuesta de un Centro Continental de Comercio y Cultura Indígena planificada para el Centro de Phoenix, con plena consulta y colaboración de los Pueblos Indígenas Nican Tlachah sirve como instancia de cumplimiento a esta meta; y

DADO QUE un objetivo mayor del Segundo Decenio sigue siendo la educación de la sociedad, indígena y no-indígena, en relación a la situación, las culturas, los idiomas, los derechos y las aspiraciones de los Pueblos Indígenas, y

DADO QUE la Ciudad de Phoenix respalda la promoción y protección de los derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas y su atribución de poder en la toma de decisiones que les permita conservar su identidad cultural, a la vez que participen de la vida política, económica y social; reconociendo todo el respeto a sus valores culturales, sus idiomas, sus tradiciones y formas de organización social; y

DADO QUE la Ciudad de Phoenix es honrado que el origen de su nombre se base en la herencia histórica, la presencia y el destino de los Pueblos Indígenas del territorio reconocido como Huhukam en el Valle del Sol; y

DADO QUE La Ciudad de Phoenix será honrado por ser anfitrión de la consulta regional de las Naciones Indígenas Nican Tlachah del Tlahtokan Aztlan;

Hoy, por tanto, yo Phil Gordon, Alcalde de la Ciudad de Phoenix, Arizona, proclamo este Sabado 12 de marzo de 2005, **EL DÍA DE LOS PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS** en Phoenix.

Firmado por mi puño y letra y en los Estados Unidos libres de América, en la Ciudad de Phoenix, el día \_\_\_\_\_ y para lo que he usado e impreso el sello de la Ciudad de Phoenix para hacer pública esta proclamación.

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Alcalde

Certifican:

Jefe de Registros en función

City of Phoenix  
Office of the Mayor  
A Proclamation

*NICAN TLACAH ILHUITL*  
**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

WHEREAS, the United Nations has proclaimed the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People for the period of 2005-2015 by General Assembly Resolution 59/174 of 22 December 1994; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People is the further strengthening of international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by Indigenous Peoples in such areas as culture, education, health, human rights, the environment and social and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Second Decade is to be met by action-oriented programmes and specific projects, increased technical assistance and relevant standard setting activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TLANKIZCO project in downtown Phoenix, as a Continental Center of Indigenous Trade and Culture, stands to fulfill these objectives in full consultation and collaboration with the Nican Tlachah Nations of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS a major objective of the Second Decade continues to be the education of indigenous and non-indigenous societies concerning the situation, cultures, languages, rights and aspirations of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix supports the promotion and protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and their empowerment to make choices which enable them to retain their cultural identity while participating in political, economic and social life, with full respect for their cultural values, languages, traditions and forms of social organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix lies within the territory of the Huhukam and is honored to derive its name from the Indigenous heritage, presence, and future destiny of the Valley of the Sun; and

WHEREAS, the City of Phoenix is further honored that Indigenous Peoples from many nations across the continent have chosen to gather at this time for regional consultation with the Nican Tlachah Nations of Tlahtokan Aztlan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHIL GORDON, MAYOR of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 12, 2005 as **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY** in Phoenix.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Phoenix, etc.

Mayor

City Clerk

# TIANKIZCO

## Indigenous Peoples Fair Trade Zone

March 11, 2004

Phoenix, AZ - Representatives of diverse Indigenous Nations ranging from the Maya of Central America to the Delaware of the North Atlantic Seaboard announced today the launching of an Indigenous Peoples Fair Trade Zone in the downtown Phoenix redevelopment area. The announcement came from representatives gathered at the Tlahtokan Aztlán, a traditional gathering of Indigenous Nations of the territory, who also met this week in Phoenix to proclaim the annual Nican Tlach Ilhuitl, Indigenous Peoples Day in Phoenix.

A planning phase for the TIANKIZCO initiative is currently being led by a task force drawn from the urban communities of Indigenous Peoples within the City of Phoenix. The site for the Indigenous Peoples Fair Trade Center is located at the entrance to the central city core, on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and McKinley now home to the community based organization TONATIERRA.

With the goal of strengthening the regional economic presence of the Native Nations through development of a continental center of Indigenous Trade and Commerce, the TIANKIZCO has begun consultations with other tribal entities from around the state and across international borders, identifying products such as Maya coffee and organic textiles to serve as initial trade items, along with educational materials and services that address the current issues of the Indigenous Peoples.

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## TLAHTOKAN AZTLAN

Tictlaliah Ticmelaucapohuah Tiquitoah

Inin Tlahtolli Huel Nelli Huel Melahuac

Nican Izkalotlan, Aztlan

Yei Tochtli Nemontemi Nahui Acatl



May All Peoples Know How

We of the

## TLAHTOKAN AZTLAN

Issue, Relate, and Declare

This Honest and True Declaration

Nican Izkalotlan, Aztlan

Yei Tochtli Nemontemi Nahui Acatl