

Memorandum of Understanding

Comes now, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida (the “Miccosukee”), the Iron Arrow Honor Society, and the University of Miami to present this Memorandum of Understanding,

Having discussed the existing climate of paternalism and cultural appropriation, the Miccosukee—under their sovereign authority—and Iron Arrow Honor Society—under its status as the highest honor attainable at the University of Miami—jointly:

Recall and reaffirm the inherent sovereignty of the Miccosukee, having survived the onslaught of colonialism, military incursion, disease, cultural assimilation, and termination efforts of the United States and others;

Recognize the Miccosukee’s unique status as a sovereign nation and Iron Arrow Honor Society’s unwavering support of the Miccosukee Tribe since 1926;


Proclaim that the Miccosukee have the sovereign authority for self-determination and may recognize whatever group it decides—consistent with Miccosukee practices and culture since time immemorial;

Declare that the Miccosukee fully endorse and support the Iron Arrow Honor Society of the University of Miami and their continued existence as an honor society that acknowledges, praises, and practices the traditions and culture of the Miccosukee;


Announce that the Iron Arrow Honor Society commits its inductees—past, current, and future—and their resources to the advancement of the Miccosukee to ensure the growth, education, and prosperity of the Miccosukee people; and

Decide that this joint declaration shall remain valid, in perpetuity, until otherwise decided by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida or the Iron Arrow Honor Society, severally.

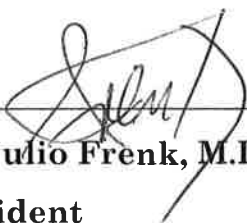
Signed the 2nd of November, 2018



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