

**Constitution Committee Motion #04
Proposed Amendments to Preamble**

The Committee received feedback from multiple ITKN members who wanted to see the Constitution better reflect traditional Ioway cultural values, including respect for the environment. The Committee believed that recognizing the importance of Hina Maya (Mother Earth) was a good way to do this. The Committee believed that putting a statement of respect for Hina Maya in the Preamble would show the Tribe's commitment without creating any specific, enforceable rights.

Committee Recommendations

- See **Committee Motion #01** for proposed corrections to typographical errors, OCR errors, and style.

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- After line 8, **add** a new paragraph that reads: “The citizens of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska recognize the critical importance of Hina Maya (Mother Earth) to our existence as a people, our history and culture. Without Hina Maya, we cannot practice our traditional ways which are vital to our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Through Hina Maya we are connected to our past and our future is ensured.”

Final Version, if Committee Motion #04 is Approved

Preamble

We, the members of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, initially organized under a Constitution approved February 26, 1937, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), do hereby establish this Constitution under the authority of the IRA in order to form a more functional government, develop our tribal resources and promote the economic and social welfare of ourselves and our descendants.

The citizens of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska recognize the critical importance of Hina Maya (Mother Earth) to our existence as a people, our history and culture. Without Hina Maya, we cannot practice our traditional ways which are vital to our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Through Hina Maya we are connected to our past and our future is ensured.