

TO ALL MELANATED INDIGENOUS MATRIARCHS, MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, AND ANCESTORS

With the deepest reverence, gratitude, and honor, this letter stands as a humble acknowledgment and recognition of your immeasurable contributions to life, family, community, humanity, and creation itself.

We give homage to the sacred feminine spirit carried through your bloodlines, your wisdom, your labor, your prayers, your nurturing hands, and your enduring sacrifices across generations. You have been the first teachers, the first healers, the first protectors, the first nurturers, and the first foundations upon which nations, tribes, families, and communities were built and sustained.

- ◆ To the mothers who carried life through hardship and uncertainty.
- ◆ To the grandmothers whose wisdom preserved traditions, language, culture, memory, and spiritual understanding.
- ◆ To the daughters who continue to rise with dignity, courage, and vision.
- ◆ To the ancestors whose footsteps still echo through the earth and whose strength continues to guide future generations.

We recognize your unwavering resilience in the face of oppression, displacement, injustice, hardship, grief, and adversity. Through centuries of trials, you remained steadfast. Through pain, you continued to give love. Through struggle, you continued to create life, preserve families, protect communities, and hold together the spiritual fabric of your people.

Your strength cannot be measured merely by survival, but by your ability to continue nurturing hope where despair attempted to grow. Your fortitude is reflected in every generation that continues to stand because you stood first. Your endurance became the bridge between the ancestors and the unborn generations yet to come.

We honor the sacred role you have carried as life-givers and wisdom-keepers. The world has been shaped by your compassion, your intelligence, your labor, your discipline, your spiritual insight, your creativity, and your sacrifices—many of which history failed to fully acknowledge, yet creation itself bears witness to your impact.

- ◆ You have carried families through storms.
- ◆ You have preserved communities through collapse.
- ◆ You have kept traditions alive when others attempted to erase them.
- ◆ You have spoken life into generations when darkness surrounded you.
- ◆ You have remained pillars of dignity, courage, and perseverance.

Your influence extends far beyond households and communities. Your contributions live within the heartbeat of civilizations, within the values passed from generation to generation, within the songs, stories, customs, healing practices, spiritual teachings, and enduring principles that continue to shape the world.

Today, and always, we acknowledge you.

We recognize you.

We honor you.

We thank you.



May your names never be forgotten.

May your sacrifices never go unrecognized.

May your wisdom continue to guide generations.

May your strength continue to inspire the world.

May your legacy forever endure with honor,
dignity, and reverence.

To all melanated Indigenous matriarchs, mothers, and ancestors—past, present, and future—this tribute is offered with profound gratitude, love, respect, and homage for all that you have done, all that you continue to do, and all that you represent to humanity.

With Highest Honor, Eternal Gratitude, and Deepest Reverence,
We humbly give homage to the sacred legacy, enduring spirit, and immeasurable contributions of all melanated Indigenous matriarchs, mothers, and ancestors whose strength continues to uplift humanity and guide generations yet unborn.

With Love, Brother Coney Lewis

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