

## Gullah/Geechee Nation Constitution Preamble

In homage to our ancestors, under the guidance of our Creator, and for the generations to come in, in Spirit and in TRUTH, we the Gullah/Geechee Nation hereby declare that we are a Nation.

The Gullah/Geechee acknowledge that our ancestors include Gola, Angolan, Gidzi, and Kisse people from which our name has been derived. These people came to the "New World" through entry points on the Atlantic seaboard and began the sharing of the land with those who are our indigenous American ancestors that first dwelled on and cultivated this land. We recognize the coming together of these and other African peoples in order to form the Gullah/Geechee communities of the Sea Islands on the eastern seaboard of the United States of America and thirty to thirty-five miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean in what is now the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida. This is the homeland for the Gullah/Geechee Nation as it is the land on which the traditions and cultures of the Gullah/Geechee people have been formed.

Gullah includes the people, history, language, and culture and Geechee is a descendant of this. Gullah is the native tongue and pure language and Geechee is the creolization of the language in which loan words from other languages are used as the Gullah/ Geechee people continue to interact with those that speak other languages. It exist as a part of the Gullah/ Geechee tradition and culture. This language which is a mixture of several languages is also a "code of the spirit." Through our language, Gullah/Geechee people continue to hold our traditions orally.

WE recognize that nations were destroyed in the attempt to build a state dominated by other nations in which we were to be used as the tools to build said nation for the benefit of those other than ourselves. However, we hereby declare that we are living institutions that have retained our "Africanisms." WE remain strong willed, determined "people blessed by God." as our foreparents were.

WE, the Gullah/Geechee Nation, in the exercise of our internationally recognized right as a people to self-determination, do hereby give unto ourselves and our posterity this Constitution in order to pro- claim our existence to the nations of the world, to achieve genuine social dignity, to protect our culture, to promote our right to develop in a manner in keeping with our heritage, principles and aspirations, and to consolidate the institutional framework of our Nation.

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We celebrate healing our roots and keeping our culture alive via our annual events which include the Gullah/Geechee Reunion and the *Gullah/Geechee Nation International Music & Movement Festival™* [www.gullahgeechee.info](http://www.gullahgeechee.info). The latter event takes place in different parts of the Gullah/Geechee Nation and other areas of the African Diaspora each year. You can obtain more details on these from the links below or through the Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition at [GullGeeCo@aol.com](mailto:GullGeeCo@aol.com).

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# Gullah/Geechee Nation Declaration

## Mission

To preserve, protect, and promote our history, culture, language, and homeland and to institute and demand official recognition of the governance (minority) rights necessary to accomplish our mission to take care of our community through collective efforts which will provide a healthy environment, care for the well beings of each person, and economic empowerment.

## Goals

As we are the authentic original Gullah/Geechee Nation with direct linkage to our ancestral legacy, we stand as custodians of Gullah/Geechee culture and protectors of our human rights. Henceforth, being the ONLY and TRUE keepers of the Gullah/ Geechee cultural legacy, upon us falls the responsibility to promote in an accurate and positive manner all aspects of Gullah/Geechee culture by emanating knowledge and healing souls. This process is guided through the release of the full story of the foreparents of Gullah and Geechee ancestral souls and the wisdom of our elders.

WE intend to protect the development and construction of Gullah/Geechee culture through the establishment of appropriate institutions and law by the exercise of our human rights. Presently this is being achieved through and during conferences, workshops, festivals, and other celebrations of culture and the continuation of oral traditions, living history, crafts, skills, and reconnection to the soil. The establishment of this Constitution will guarantee the continuation by the exercise of our minority right to self-determination.

WE will link with organizations, other nations, and institutions that are contributing positively to the cultivation of our nation. Insuring that those connections are carried out with dignity and honor.

In the tradition of our foreparents we will record in written form OURSTORY as a living testament to our Gullah/Geechee legacy. We will also broaden our continuum through the use of electronic and video and audio means of documentation. Through the exercise of our human rights, we will be the keepers of this material as we accept the responsibilities of defining ourselves and our ancestors.

WE will preserve, maintain, and reclaim ALL elements of our homeland which will FOREVER be our base of existence as we carry out these goals. With these goals in mind, Gullah/Geechee people take formal recognition of their nation and their human right to self-determination within the context of their minority governance rights, and thereby, the Gullah/Geechee Nation Wisdom Circle Council of Elders, by its hands, spirit and soul undertakes the task of creating and ratifying the first Constitution of the Gullah/Geechee Nation.



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*If you would like to visit the Gullah/Geechee Nation from Jacksonville, NC to Jacksonville, FL or would like educational workshops, email [GullGeeCo@aol.com](mailto:GullGeeCo@aol.com).*

