# THE FOUNDING LAW OF THE STATE OF SANDUS

IN THE TRUTH AND TEACHINGS OF THE THREE JEWELS AND THE BENEDICTIONS OF ALL THE GODS!

### **PREAMBLE**

We Sandum People, finding strength in our resolve to express our sovereign will, provide within this Founding Law a government of our people. The sovereign people of Sandus, compelled by the creation of a newly independent micronation that stands for the betterment of its people's welfare, ascribes to this state the same rights the people have themselves claimed among one another. Among these, the right to good life and to express our sovereign will, such as by petition, do we the sovereign people so provide with good government, entirely of our own determination.

WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GODS, THE THREE JEWELS, AND THE SOVEREIGN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF SANDUS ARISES FROM THEIR DEEDS AND WITH THEIR BLESSINGS.

# POPULO SANDE • FOR THE PEOPLE OF SANDUS • POUR LE PEUPLE SANDE

# **ARTICLE 1.** THE CONSTITUTION OF SANDUS

As a micronation, Sandus is a free cultural association of citizens, the members of our community as determined by law, constituted and incorporated as a sovereign state. The State of Sandus is the sovereign people's body, founded on the principle of popular sovereignty and exercised by the power of the Upāsaka, our founder and monarch. With a mixed constitution, the State of Sandus maintains our socialist society and affords the sovereign people's rights in accordance with citizens' and the state's justice and equity. The sovereign people decide major matters of state with democracy by universal suffrage.

### **ARTICLE 2.** NATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The sovereign people shall uphold their normal belief in secular buddhadharma and socialism, in line with the philosophy of the Sandum society established in our common law. Sandus is a free and honest society that conforms to our national political theories, such as self-determination, self-defence, critical realism, and self-reliance.

### **ARTICLE 3.** THE MONARCHY AND ITS AUTHORITY

All state power is performed as the expression of the Upāsaka, who is the sole holder of the sovereign people's power. All power is to the Upāsaka, with the sovereign people's consent.

# **ARTICLE 4.** THE EQUAL INVIOLABILITY OF RIGHTS

The common rights of the Sandum people and the right to petition the government for a redress of its function, action, or policy are inviolable. Each citizen is equal before the law.

# **ARTICLE 5.** THE RIGHT TO GOOD LIFE

The sovereign people enjoy the right to good life, including but not limited to: the right to work, the right to rest, the right to care in old age and illness, the right to housing, the right to education, the right to culture, the right to expression, the right to conscience, the right to protection from the state, and the right to the inviolability of the home.

### **ARTICLE 6. THE SOCIALIST ECONOMY**

The sovereign people of Sandus are working people organised by law into a common economy with the member-states of the Social System. Worker's cooperatives and state and common enterprises are the sovereign people's means of production. A coöperative's mission, vision, and body are laid down in state and the organ's laws. Income is derived on the basis of labour with the principle, "from each according to their ability and to each according to their need and work." All ownership is personal, corporate, and public, except of national resources and land which the people ought to own by right. The sovereign people's weal and wealth arise from the people's labour, free from exploitation and mindless alienation. The sovereign people of Sandus shall establish in our common law instruments for the security for the people's health and livelihood, shall manage their coöperatives by worker's democracy to distribute their profits equitably and communally, and shall take proactive steps to secure and promote the welfare and interests of the sovereign people's knowledge and wisdom, horticulture and autarky, health and environment, and other necessary subjects of national interest, in the best interest of present and future generations.

# ARTICLE 7. UNION OF WORKERS, HOUSEHOLDERS, AND INTELLECTUALS

Sandum society arises from the camaraderie of the sovereign people united as workers, householders, and intellectuals. The People of Sandus shall provide for the people's expression and welfare equally; protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people; provide for the modernisation of coöperatives and labour; provide a program of education that is open and free to all; provide for planned development of the state and its activities according to and in preparation of society's needs; and, provide for the protection of culture and the securement of the people's welfare by education and mutual aid.

## **ARTICLE 8. SANDUS AND THE WORLD**

The sovereign people make decisions in the best interests of peace and coöperation with the peoples of the world, in accordance with the interests of our socialist society. We shall promote and strengthen camaraderie with leftists states. The sovereign people vow to increase and defend their sovereign state, to strengthen the Sandum people and socialism abroad, to support the struggles of peoples who pursue liberation and the end of suffering, and to prevent hatred, war, and aggression. The State of Sandus acts with other polities that observe the inviolable sovereignty of other states, their peoples, and their territories. The State of Sandus shall respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and shall agree to make necessary provisions for the fulfilment of obligations that arise from principles and rules of international law.

# ARTICLE 9. THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SANDUS

The CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT is the body of the State of Sandus that governs our entire micronation. It encompasses the decision-making organs of our republic (the UPĀSAKA, the CITIZENS' PARTY OF SANDUS, and the COUNCIL), the state's executive organs (such as the system of MINISTRIES, STATE ENTERPRISES, STATE COMMITTEES, & COÖPERATIVES that the Upāsaka oversees), our public COURTS, and the workers that govern our micronation. The labour of the Central People's Government and all governmental positions are wholly voluntary; any future system of remuneration shall be established by statute.

The UPĀSAKA is the chief executive of the government as our country's monarch. The Upāsaka carries out the necessary policies of the state, issues decrees, makes plans, and publishes the government's policies and decisions. Það is the sovereign people's premier representative, their vanguard, their lawgiver, the guardian of our constitution and philosophy and culture, and our fount of honour. Það shall govern the system of monarchy, royalty, and nobility in the State of Sandus by edict.

The CITIZENS' PARTY OF SANDUS represents the politically active class of our micronation, sets the government's goals and plans, increases and defends the Sandum worker, promotes our country's socialist society and economy. The Party shall have a special responsibility for all communal mutual aid.

The COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF SANDUS is our country's democratic assembly. It drafts, debates, and ratifies laws. It is our country's universal political instrument. Its officers ensure democratic equality, defend the public interest, and promote inviolable democratic power enshrined in our republican constitution. Besides elections and referenda, being organised by the Central People's Government, the Council decides all major matters of state.

The PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT ensure: the alleviation of our citizens' and the world's suffering; the government's continued activity; reflect critically, thoughtfully, and mindfully on activation energy; let the government be a working people's government so that all may participate; and other such principles as established by precedent, law, and plan.

Every PROVINCE and TERRITORY of the State of Sandus has the ability to establish its own communal government, and its constitution is subject to the determination of its residents in accordance with Sandum law.

ULTIMATELY, Sandus is a free cultural association. Any state activity should reflect this reality.

# ARTICLE 10. AUTHORITY AND AMENDMENT

This Founding Law, first enacted by the State Caucus of Sandus on 13 April 2011, derives its universal authority by the sovereign people's consent. This Founding Law shall be the supreme law of the land. Any Sandum citizen may amend it with the consent of the sovereign people.

# CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF SANDUS

Gaius Soergel Publicola

Cameron Falby renounced April 2010

Robert Lethler renounced April 2011

Maria Brown

André Sammut renounced April 2013

James Thompson renounced April 2013

Erik Jóhannes-Baptistesbur

Adam Camillus von Friedeck

Aaron von Friedeck

Akhilkumar Indurti

Jacob Barnet Pharmacologus Σαρκαστικός

Artemis Langford

Sisenna Melville

Sophia Albina renounced April 2019

Oliver Armstrong

Aaron Young

Gaius Flavius Ithacus

Natalie Ritsema

Wren Wood

Al Deuchars

Kara Nerva Oberstadt

Luke Hackel

Alanna Heatherly

Billy Neil