

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Environmental Justice is the human affirmation of our place within the interdependent web of all existence.

Environmental justice pursues simultaneously the protection of natural systems and the ecological health of human communities, specifically poor, minority, and indigenous communities; and

- ❧ *Guarantees basic human rights for all Earth's people,*
- ❧ *Distributes the benefits of Earth's resources fairly and sustainably,*
- ❧ *Avoids inequity in bearing the burdens of humanity's impact on Earth,*
- ❧ *Recognizes that people have common but differentiated responsibilities according to abilities and resources available to them,*
- ❧ *Ensures the moral and political rights of all to participate in decisions affecting their environment and wellbeing,*
- ❧ *Provides equal participation in decision-making process regardless of race, class, gender, age, language, education, or economic barriers;*
- ❧ *Applies and enforces environmental rules, regulations, and laws equitably and impartially,*
- ❧ *Recognizes the inherent value of all species,*
- ❧ *And acknowledges our human responsibility to seek a sustainable balance between the rights of nature and human rights*

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