DECLARATION OF JURISDICTION
The Official Tribe of Shabazz

Preamble
We, the People of the Official Tribe of Shabazz, being Indigenous and sovereign by birthright, do hereby declare that our jurisdiction is not confined solely to land, but extends inherently to our people, wherever they may be found. Our sovereignty flows from natural law, divine law, and the inherent right of self-determination recognized in both U.S. jurisprudence and international law.

Foundational Principles
1. **Sovereignty in Personhood** – As affirmed in Worcester v. Georgia, 31 U.S. (6 Pet.) 515 (1832), Native Nations are "distinct, independent political communities, retaining their original natural rights." Those rights are carried by the people, whether upon their ancestral lands or abroad.

2. **Jurisdiction Beyond Land** – Under the principle of personal jurisdiction, as articulated in Pennoyer v. Neff, 95 U.S. 714 (1878), jurisdiction can extend over persons by virtue of their membership and allegiance. Thus, the Tribe exercises jurisdiction over its members, regardless of their physical location, by virtue of their political and cultural allegiance.

3. **International Recognition** – The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Article 33, affirms that "Indigenous peoples have the right to determine their own identity or membership… in accordance with their customs and traditions." Article 4 affirms "the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs," which applies to both land-based governance and people-based governance.

4. **People as Nation** – In Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, 30 U.S. (5 Pet.) 1 (1831), Native Nations were recognized as "domestic dependent nations." This recognition was based not solely on territory but on the existence of a distinct people organized politically.

Declaration
We declare and affirm that:
1. The jurisdiction of the Official Tribe of Shabazz extends not only to our Tribal lands, enterprises, and trust holdings, but also to our people as the living embodiment of our Nation.
2. Membership in the Tribe constitutes allegiance and inclusion within the jurisdiction of Tribal governance.

3. No external government, state, or federal, may lawfully deny or diminish this jurisdiction, as it is rooted in natural rights and recognized by the highest authorities of law.
4. The Tribe retains full power to legislate, adjudicate, and govern its members wherever they may be, in accordance with Tribal law and custom.

Conclusion
By this Declaration, the Official Tribe of Shabazz affirms that our people are our jurisdiction. Land is a sacred element of our sovereignty, but sovereignty itself resides within the people, and cannot be diminished by the absence of territory.

Notice to Principal is Notice to Agent. Notice to Agent is Notice to Principal.

Executed August 22, 2025, by authority of the Tribal Council of the Official Tribe of Shabazz.