Declaration on the Safeguarding of Indigenous Ancestral Burial Grounds as Sacred Sites and Cultural Landscapes

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“Memorialization and funerary treatment, including burial of the dead, constitutes a universal and exclusively human characteristic and need. It is an expression of humanity equivalent to the use of fire, language, tools, food sharing, and bipedal locomotion. It is Homo sapiens’ distinct realization of human dignity.”

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“...The indigenous understanding that some things are beyond monetary valuation because they are sacred is a great gift in these times when we are on a rampage to exploit the planet. Thank you for reminding us of what really matters with this Declaration. I am honoured and grateful to support it.”

David Suzuki