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WHAT IS #WEGOVERN?

#WeGovern is a foundational set of agreements to guide how we make decisions that impact all of us. It is an invitation to commit to these agreements as a path toward what's possible. #WeGovern affirms that governance begins with each of us--in the choices we make each day to engage with ourselves and each other, our communities, and collective systems. These agreements are a starting place for a new kind of governance that we need--where everyone can thrive.



WHY #WEGOVERN?

At this critical time, #WeGovern seeks to align our actions with our values. When it comes to governance, we need a new set of operating standards for how we relate to each other. #WeGovern offers an understanding of governance rooted in mutual care, beloved community, and an emerging worldview--the world we all deserve to live in.

Under these agreements, we make decisions based on values as opposed to issues--seen in practice in our communities, not in theory. These agreements offer a way forward for all of us, including people currently in positions of power.





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WHO IS BEHIND IT?

Resonance Network is a network of people building a world without violence, rooted in deep relationship, vibrant community, and connection to our planet.

Together as artists, healers, storytellers, and leaders, we take action to shape culture and policy that centers the wellbeing of all people. We believe our communities are enriched by the full participation of people, and that when we practice justice and compassion, we make it possible for every being to thrive. This is the world we're building together.

For more information, see: resonance-network.org.



WHAT IS #WEGOVERN TRYING TO ACHIEVE?

#WeGovern wants to demonstrate a broad commitment not only to our rights, but to our sacred responsibilities to each other as human beings, and to our stewardship of land and shared resources, not ownership by a few.

Because the power always lives within the people, we hope to get at least 5,000 people to sign on to these agreements--people who are already doing work in their communities to shift governance and who are reclaiming and using their individual power for the good of the collective.





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WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN I SIGN THIS?

The most basic agreement you make when you sign on to **#WeGovern** is to be counted among those who believe that these agreements form the foundation of how we should live and be with one another.

You are agreeing that it is our sacred responsibility to take action and care for our collective wellbeing.

There will be more opportunities to share ideas and connect with others who have signed on. We invite you to learn and share more about how you are already living into these principles and where you are inspired to try something new.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY GOVERNANCE?

Whether deciding if it is worth it to struggle with a kiddo to eat broccoli, facilitating a healing conversation among friends, or creating a spending plan for clean energy in your town, the act of making choices for our collective wellbeing is governance. Governance is making decisions together--at small and large scales--about the things that matter to us and impact our lives.

Too often, when power is accumulated by a few, barriers are created to ensure decisions are made without people's input or consent, which perpetuates inequities. *cont'd*





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While “government” refers to specific aspects of controlling or regulating a nation, organization, or community--like an agency, an election, or procedural rules, governance is the set of choices we make that add up to the world we’re building. In other words, focusing on governance means we can reimagine collective systems where we are all safe and well.



WHAT DOES MUTUAL CARE MEAN TO US?

Mutual care is our sacred responsibility to act with an awareness of our connections, interdependence, and collective well-being. It is a form of taking responsibility for changing the conditions of our lives by building new social relations that are more life-giving.

We believe the choices we make have ripple effects that impact the lives of others near and far. We can be intentional about that impact and choose to contribute to the well-being of those with whom we share the planet. Our elected officials are part of this ripple effect, and can be part of enacting mutual care.

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