

The Honourable Sôgmô Gaius Soergel Publicola

To all whom receive these benedictions, *Ave!*

- Cum* the Office of the Sôgmô maintains the legitimate authority invested in it by the Sovereign People through the Founding Law of the State of Sandus;
- Et cum* citizens of the State of Sandus find pleasure and benefit, both real and metaphysical, in the labour that causes plants to flourish, bodies to be fed, and homes to be made verdant;
- Et cum* the aspirations of our preceding years, whereby lest there may be confusion we refer to our horticultural hopes, were too lofty and not yet closer to the earth we seek to till and seed and sprout;
- Et cum* the harvest of our country in its many variegated affairs ought to be adorned and complemented by the harvest of its real produce wherever and whenever possible;
- Et cum* food security, welfare of being, and environmental concerns are maintained and promoted by the housing of plants of all sorts;
- Et cum* we are concerned for the security of food with reference to the rising population of humans upon our Earth, wherein our vision for our children become an integral care of common importance and common prudence;
- Et cum* our present vision of a socialist future imagines a system whereby all citizens labour with socialist enterprise and belong, emotively and cohesively, to work-groups that form the basis of our socialist society;
- Et cum* the establishment of a horticultural coöperative will be fortunate and auspicious for the welfare of the Sovereign People of the State of Sandus and will guide and be guided by the vision of our numerous revolutionary predecessors and the international working-class;
- Nunc edicimus* that by these letters patent our Sôgmô, having established our State on the principles of worker's democracy and socialist labour, does declare and ordain the following, pursuant to a royal charter for this wholesome and productive

Tellus Horticultural Coöperative

Section 1 – the Collective & its Purposes

Article 1. The coöperative shall be incorporated by the name of Tellus Horticultural Coöperative.

Article 2. The coöperative's mission is to:

1. encourage horticulture, the keeping of houseplants, and maintenance of a garden;
2. produce plants and produce of all sorts and varieties, not limited to food but even to ornamental plants, medicines, dyes, and so on;
3. alleviate economic and food dependency on foreign states and powers;
4. provide information and resources for citizens to take part in horticultural projects by founding their own gardens;
5. act as a proponent of agriculture, horticulture, and permaculture in Sandus by publishing regular updates to both Sandus and the micronational community at-large on the progress of plants, projects, and research;
6. foment, where possible, intermicronational coöperation with likeminded nations for mutual benefit of the coöperative and State of Sandus.

Article 3. All citizens, who wish to grow plants for economic gain, to keep and maintain plants, or who otherwise fall under the category of horticulturist, will be enlisted as workers of the coöperative and will be enrolled in their local garden work-group.

Article 4. The Tellus Horticultural Coöperative envisions a micronation wherein citizens share their produce in common, where aid can be found in the relations this coöperative fosters, where citizens find both beauty and *eudaimonia* in the care and maintenance of plants, and which is an environmental leader around the world.

Article 5. The purpose and vision of the Tellus Horticultural Coöperative shall be maintained as the core value of the coöperative; the purpose and mission of the Tellus Horticultural Coöperative may be amended by a majority of workers, and each garden may craft their own purpose and vision as befits their local conditions.

Section 2 – the Worker's Democracy & Organisation:

Article 6. The Tellus Horticultural Coöperative is a collective of interdependent work-groups, known as gardens that are public property, and a central hub with a seed bank located at the seat of the director of the coöperative.

Article 7. The coöperative will be governed by an assembly of all workers, who possess an equal vote and who will vote on all political matters governing the coöperative, including such necessities as:

1. by-laws of the coöperative at-large;
2. reception and implementation of economic commands and plans; and,
3. election of the director of the coöperative, by simple majority and two-rounds, if necessary.

Article 8. Quotidian management of the coöperative is performed by an elected director whose responsibilities include managing the central hub and its seed bank, enrolling workers into gardens, aiding workers on their local gardens, fomenting coöperation amongst workers, liaising with other associate gardens, and other such responsibilities determined by the worker's democracy.

Article 9. Each garden work-group shall be named and governed by the local workers enrolled in the garden. The responsibilities of each worker should be made voluntarily according to the needs of that garden and in conjunction with the director. The local management of the garden should be done by consensus of its workers. Members may elect a local manager to oversee the work-group.

Article 10. The Kropotkin Centre for Horticulture will be the central hub of management, assistance, *et cetera* for the coöperative, its gardens, and its workers. Dedicated to famed anarchist and biologist Peter Kropotkin, the centre coördinates labour across the whole coöperative, keeps a seed bank for work-groups to access and contribute to, and assists and provides knowledge for workers and their gardens. The centre is managed by the director of the coöperative. The centre is a hub where work-groups can procure seeds and access information on their germination and care.

Section 3 – Associate Gardens Program:

Article 11. The worker's democracy may establish associations with other micronational horticultural projects, enterprises, and ventures in order to foster strong coöperative and socialist links within the community. The program is guided by the principle that the wider the network of gardens and of workers may be, so the more resources can be shared and solutions to problems can be found.

Article 12. Counterparts and cognates of Tellus Horticultural Coöperative in member-states of intermicronational organisations in which the State of Sandus is a member may receive suffrage and the right to participate in the worker's democracy.

Article 13. Associate gardens are admitted by a simple majority under the conditions specified by the workers.

Section 4 – Custodianship:

Article 14. The Central People's Government, chiefly under the Office of the Sôgmô, oversees and supervises the coöperative. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Sôgmô or a deputy may act as custodian of the coöperative.

Article 15. I make patent these letters under my hand this XXIIX Quintilis MMXX in the capital of the State of Sandus, Quercus Candida, so that this charter may continue in perpetuity alterable only under my hand, that of my successor, or the collective vote of the worker's democracy.

