



“Indigenous customary law is inseparable
from Indigenous knowledge.”

Gregory Younging
(1961-2019)

Untitled Bird by Joane Cardinal-Schubert
Provided by her representatives at Masters Gallery

“Pleased as we are with the possession [of property], we seem afraid to look back to the means by which it was acquired, as if fearful of some defect in our title; or at best we rest satisfied with the decision of the laws in our favour, without examining the reason or authority upon which those laws have been built.”

Lord Blackstone, *Commentary on the Law of England*



Baldwin & LaFontaine, Sculpted by Walter Seymour Allward, Photographer unknown

“We the Original Peoples of this land know the Creator put us here. The Creator gave us laws that govern all our relationships to live in harmony with nature and mankind. The Laws of the Creator defined our rights and responsibilities We continue to exercise the rights and fulfill the responsibilities and obligations given to us by the Creator for the land upon which we were placed...”

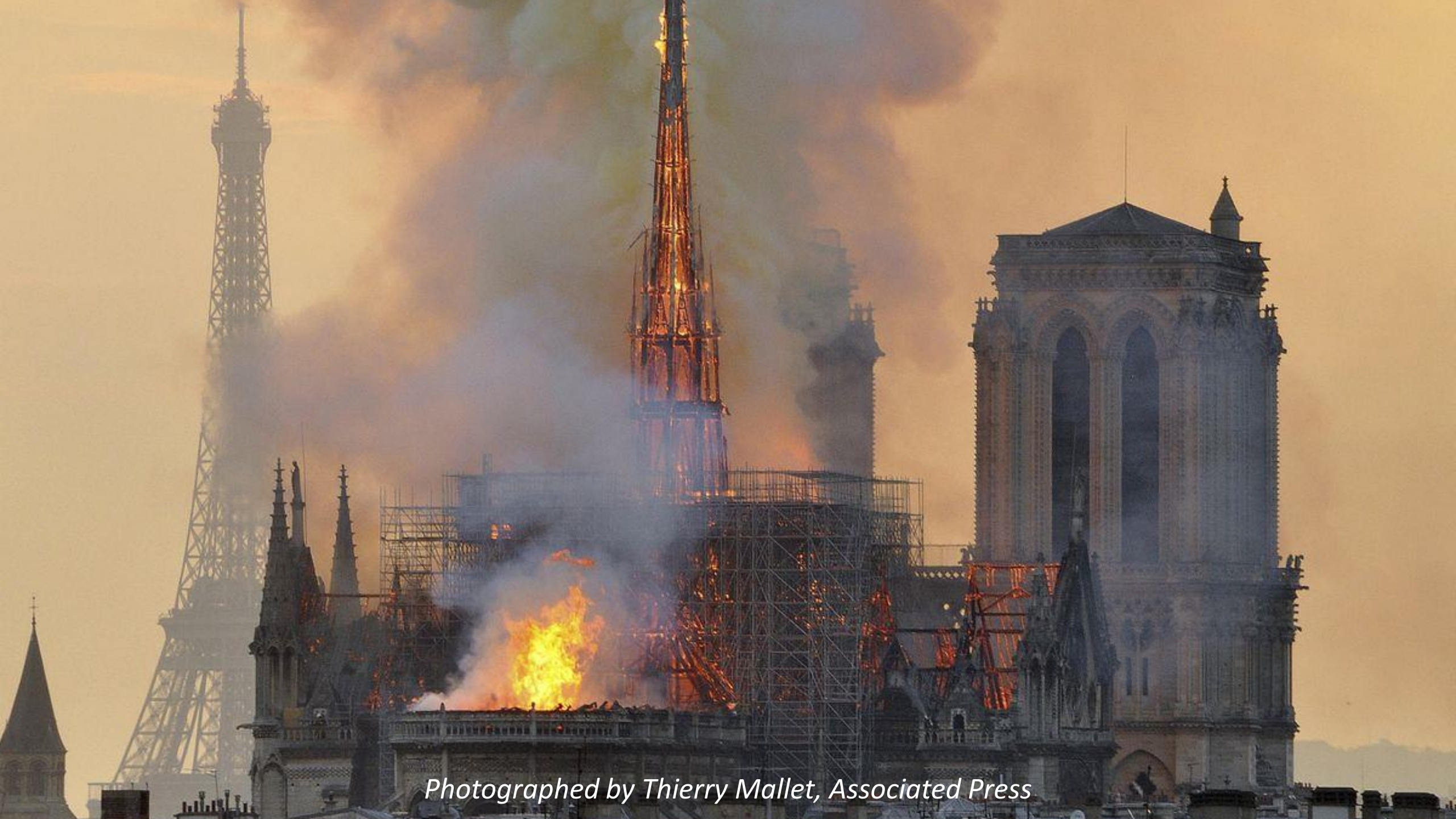
Declaration of First Nations, 18 November 1891



Noon Dance by Joanne Cardinal-Schubert
Provided by her representatives at gallerieswest

“An author, be she writer, composer, or sculptor, seeks to communicate her own expression of the world. Her views of the world are shaped by her experiences, by the other works of authorship she has absorbed (which are also her experiences), and by the in interaction between the two. Her brain has not organized all of this into neat, separable piles into ‘things that happened to me,’ and ‘things I read once,’ and ‘things I thought up in a vacuum’ ...”

Jessica Litman, *The Public Domain*, 1990



Photographed by Thierry Mallet, Associated Press

“Reconcile Aboriginal and Crown constitutional and legal orders to ensure that Aboriginal peoples are full partners in Confederation, including the recognition and integration of Indigenous laws and legal traditions in negotiation and implementation processes involving Treaties, land claims, and other constructive agreements....”

Truth and Reconciliation Commission, *Calls to Action*, 2012