

# NGUZO SABA

Seven

## PRINCIPLES

The Nguzo Saba, or seven principles, come from Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is a celebration of family, community, and culture for people of African descent. Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga.

### 1 UMOJA - UNITY

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.



### 2 KUJICHAGULIA - SELF-DETERMINATION

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.



### 3 UJIMA - COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY

To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.



### 4 UJAMAA - COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.



### 5 NIA - PURPOSE

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.



### 6 KUUMBA - CREATIVITY

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.



### 7 IMANI - FAITH

To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

