



# The Adrian Empire

*Elisabeth and Karl, by the Grace of God and the Will of the Estates, Empress and Emperor of the Catholic and Sovereign Empire of Adria, Kings of Aleon, Navarre, and Pembroke, Dukes of Annelynerose, Brittany, Isle-de-Fleur, and Snowden, Barons of Isenwold, Grenfeld, Hanover, and Cyon, Lords of the Outlands and Islands, and Sovereigns of all Their other Lands and Territories, to Their Archbishops, Bishops, and Clerics; Kings, Princes, and Dukes; Earls, Viceroys, and Viscounts; Champions, Masters, Premiers, and Wardens; Justiciaries, Sheriffs, and Governors; Knights, Masters, and Ministers; and Their faithful subjects:*

*Greetings.*

*Be it known to all to whom these presents may come that We, Elisabeth and Karl, Empress and Emperor of all Adria do hereby grant Our Charter to the **Duchy of Somerset** according to Our Laws and Customs.*

*We do hereby create Sir Arthur O'Tyne as our Duke in the Land, and grant unto them as the Ducal Crown the power to appoint Ministers necessary for the functioning of the Duchy's government as outlined in Article VII of the Bylaws of this Empire. Said Ministers must report to their Crowns and their corresponding Imperial Minister at the intervals specified by that Imperial Minister, the Imperial Crown, or the Imperial Estates. The Ducal Crown will have the power to create local Estates in accordance with Adrian Law and Customs.*

*The Ducal Crown shall enjoy all the rights accorded to Monarchs save the following: to create Knights by prerogative; to make law in the name of the Imperium; and to banish a member from their lands. Ducal Codicils and Writs must be approved by the Imperial Crown. The Ducal Crown shall remain in office until the Duchy meets all requirements for Kingdom status, the Ducal Estates deem fit to replace them, Civil War is declared and the Ducal Crown is defeated, the Duchy petitions for reduction to Shire status, the Imperial Estates reduce the Duchy to a Shire, the Ducal Crown themselves decide to retire, or the Duchy fails to retain membership sufficient for or otherwise meet the criteria for Duchy status. All these conditions will be in accordance with Adrian Law & Custom.*

*We, according to Our Laws, do hereby fix the territory of this Duchy to be the mundane northern portion of Indiana, and the northern and eastern portions of Ohio, to include:*

- the Indiana Counties generally north of Interstate 70 (Adams, Allen, Benton, Blackford, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, De Kalb, Delaware, Elkhart, Fulton, Grant, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, Kosciusko, La Porte, LaGrange, Lake, Madison, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Newton, Noble, Parke, Porter, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Wells, White, Whitley)*
- the Ohio Counties generally north of Interstate 70 and east of Interstate 74 (excluding only the counties of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery, Preble, Warren)*

*It is also sworn, both on Our part, and on that of the Estates, that all the aforesaid shall be observed in good faith, and without any evil intention.*



*By Our hand this xxiiij day of March, anno ludus xvi, being mmiiij in the Common Era.*

*Elisabeth Grey, Empress  
Karl von Katzburg, Kaiser*