

Palmetto Token™

Common Law trademark Notice and Claim of Rights

Purpose and Notice of Claim

This document provides public notice of the use and claim of trademark rights associated with the name Palmetto Token™ and related identifying marks used in connection with the Palmetto Token™ project. The ™ designation is used to identify Palmetto Token™ as a trademark claimed in connection with the project's goods, services, technology, publications, merchant resources, communications, and related activities. Use of the ™ designation does not represent or imply that the mark is federally registered. Trademark rights may arise through actual use of a mark in commerce and may develop according to the nature, duration, geographic extent, and recognition of that use. This notice is intended to document and publicly communicate the project's claim to rights arising from such use. Palmetto Token™ is the name under which the project develops, identifies, documents, and promotes the PALMETTO digital token and associated project activities. The PALMETTO token was created with a fixed maximum supply of 73,000,000 units and deployed on the Base network as part of the project's original blockchain infrastructure. The project uses the Palmetto Token™ name to distinguish its digital asset, technical infrastructure, documentation, merchant adoption efforts, public communications,

educational materials, and related project activities from those of other persons or organizations. The project's claimed trademark rights are based upon actual use and applicable law and are not expanded merely by publication of this notice. Nothing in this document is intended to claim rights beyond those that lawfully exist or may arise through continued use of the mark. The project reserves all rights it may possess or acquire in the Palmetto Token™ name, associated branding, and other protectable identifiers through continued use, development, recognition, registration, or other means provided by applicable law. Publication of this notice also establishes a contemporaneous public record of the project's assertion of rights in the Palmetto Token™ identity. Supporting evidence of use may include blockchain deployment records, project documents, public communications, merchant materials, archived publications, websites, social media records, and other dated materials demonstrating use of the mark. Palmetto Token™ is used as a source identifying mark for the Palmetto Token™ project, and all rights arising from its lawful use are expressly claimed and reserved.

The Palmetto Token™ Mark and Protected Identity

The primary mark addressed by this notice is Palmetto Token™, the name used to identify the project, its digital token, documentation, merchant adoption activities, public

communications, and related goods and services. The project also uses PALMETTO as the symbol and identifying designation of the digital token associated with Palmetto Token™. Use of PALMETTO in connection with the token forms part of the project's broader brand identity, but this notice does not assert exclusive ownership of the ordinary word "palmetto" in every context or for every purpose. The Palmetto Token™ identity also includes original logos, graphics, designs, layouts, merchant identification materials, and other distinctive visual elements created and used to identify the project. Rights associated with individual elements may arise under trademark, copyright, or other applicable law depending upon the nature and use of the material. The project's principal logo consists of a circular coin style design incorporating the Palmetto Token™ identity, the PALMETTO designation, a central capital letter P, palm imagery, and other distinctive visual elements. Variations may be created for different formats, sizes, backgrounds, applications, or technical requirements while maintaining recognizable project identity. The project may develop additional marks, slogans, designs, merchant identifiers, product names, service names, or other branding as Palmetto Token™ develops. Any rights associated with future branding will depend upon its creation, adoption, use, and protection under applicable law and are not automatically established merely by reference in this notice.

No claim is made to words, symbols, geographic references, botanical references, commonly used terminology, or other elements to the extent that they are not independently protectable under applicable law. The project's claim concerns the distinctive use of its marks and branding to identify Palmetto Token™ and the source of its associated project activities. The existence of unrelated businesses, products, services, tokens, or organizations using the word "palmetto" does not by itself establish an association with Palmetto Token™. Likewise, this notice should not be interpreted as asserting that every unrelated use of the word "palmetto" infringes rights claimed by the project. Protection of the Palmetto Token™ identity is intended to reduce confusion regarding the authentic project and its official token, communications, documents, merchant materials, and other project resources. This is particularly important in a digital asset environment where names, symbols, logos, websites, social media accounts, and token identifiers can be copied or imitated. The project claims rights in the distinctive Palmetto Token™ identity and associated protectable branding without asserting exclusive ownership of the ordinary word "palmetto" outside the scope of rights established through applicable law.

Ownership and Use of the Mark

The Palmetto Token™ name and associated project identity are used in commerce through Palmetto Token, an assumed business name of AR Republic LLC. The Palmetto Token assumed business name has been filed in North Carolina for use in all 100 counties. The assumed business name provides the commercial identity under which activities associated with Palmetto Token™ may be conducted while AR Republic LLC remains the underlying legal entity. Use of an assumed business name does not create a separate legal entity. Accordingly, references to Palmetto Token™ as a project or business identity should not be interpreted as creating a legal entity separate from AR Republic LLC unless a separate entity is established in the future. The Palmetto Token™ name is used to identify the source of the project's digital asset development, blockchain technology, documentation, merchant adoption activities, communications, branding, and related goods and services. Ownership or possession of PALMETTO tokens does not convey ownership of the Palmetto Token™ name, trademarks, logos, documentation, branding, intellectual property, or other project assets. PALMETTO holders do not acquire trademark rights merely by purchasing, receiving, holding, transferring, or using PALMETTO. Likewise, participation in PALMETTO markets, provision of liquidity, merchant acceptance, community participation, or other interaction with the token does not independently

authorize a person or organization to claim ownership of the Palmetto Token™ identity or to represent itself as the project. The permissionless nature of PALMETTO allows individuals and organizations to hold, transfer, trade, and use the token without obtaining permission from Palmetto Token™. That technical freedom does not eliminate intellectual property rights that may apply to the Palmetto Token™ name, logos, branding, publications, or other protected materials. Merchants and other participants may be authorized to use designated Palmetto Token™ materials for legitimate purposes such as identifying PALMETTO acceptance, linking to official project resources, or accurately referring to the project. Such permitted use does not transfer ownership of the mark or create broader rights in Palmetto Token™ branding. The project may modify its organizational structure, business structure, management arrangements, or jurisdiction in the future. Any lawful assignment, transfer, licensing, registration, or succession involving Palmetto Token™ intellectual property should preserve an identifiable chain of rights associated with the project and its continuing use of the mark. Nothing in this notice prevents legitimate descriptive, nominative, informational, journalistic, comparative, or other lawful use of the Palmetto Token™ name. The purpose of asserting trademark rights is to protect the identity and source of the project rather than prevent truthful reference to it. The Palmetto Token™ identity is associated with the project and its lawful

business operations, while ownership or use of PALMETTO tokens does not confer ownership of or authority over the Palmetto Token™ name, branding, or intellectual property.

First Use and Evidence of Use

Rights associated with a trademark may depend upon actual use of the mark and the circumstances in which that use occurred.

Palmetto Token™ therefore maintains records documenting the creation, adoption, development, and public use of its name and associated branding. The Palmetto Token™ project was developed and launched in 2026. Records associated with the project include the creation and deployment of the PALMETTO token and related smart contracts, establishment of the original PALMETTO liquidity market, creation and use of project branding, public communications, project documentation, merchant materials, and the filing and use of the Palmetto Token assumed business name. Blockchain records provide independently timestamped evidence of portions of the project's technical history. These records may demonstrate deployment and activity associated with PALMETTO but should be considered together with other evidence when establishing use of the Palmetto Token™ mark in connection with particular goods or services. Additional evidence of use may include dated project files, original design materials, published documents, social media publications, Telegram communications, website records, merchant materials,

correspondence, transaction records, archived webpages, IPFS publications, blockchain records, and other materials showing when and how the Palmetto Token™ identity was used. The project may preserve copies of significant records in their original form when practical. Public blockchain records, document hashes, content identifiers, archived publications, file metadata, dated screenshots, business records, and other independently verifiable information may supplement those records and strengthen the historical record of project use. The North Carolina assumed business name filing for Palmetto Token provides an additional dated public record associated with the project's commercial identity. The filing itself should not be interpreted as creating trademark rights independent of actual use, but it may form part of the broader documentary history of the project and its identity. Publication of project documents through IPFS or other content addressed systems may provide additional evidence that a particular version of a document existed in a particular form. Where appropriate, Palmetto Token™ may also publish document identifiers, hashes, or other verification information through its established public channels or blockchain infrastructure. No single record described in this notice is intended to establish every legal element of trademark ownership, priority, geographic scope, or first use in commerce. Those determinations depend upon applicable law and the underlying facts surrounding actual use.

For that reason, Palmetto Token™ does not use this notice to manufacture or declare an unsupported legal date of first use. The project instead preserves contemporaneous evidence from which relevant dates and the history of actual use may be established when necessary. Continued use of the Palmetto Token™ mark should likewise be documented over time. Maintaining an identifiable historical record helps demonstrate that the mark represents an active and continuing project rather than merely a name that was claimed without meaningful use. Palmetto Token™ preserves contemporaneous records of its development and actual use so that the history, continuity, and priority of the project's identity may be established from evidence rather than unsupported declaration.

Scope and Geographic Limitations of Common Law Rights

Common law trademark rights arise from applicable law and actual use of a mark rather than from the publication of a notice or the use of the ™ symbol alone. The scope of rights associated with Palmetto Token™ may depend upon factors including the nature and extent of actual use, geographic reach, market recognition, the goods and services associated with the mark, priority of use, and the existence of other legally recognized rights. Common law trademark protection may be geographically limited. Use of Palmetto Token™ in one market or geographic area does not automatically establish exclusive rights in every

location within the United States or elsewhere. Digital assets and internet based projects may be accessible across geographic boundaries, but online availability alone should not be interpreted as automatically establishing unlimited trademark rights in every jurisdiction. The geographic scope of any rights claimed by Palmetto Token™ must be determined according to applicable law and evidence of actual use. The filing of the Palmetto Token assumed business name for use throughout North Carolina provides a public business record but does not, by itself, create statewide or nationwide trademark exclusivity. Likewise, registration of a domain name, creation of a social media account, publication of a blockchain contract, or use of the ™ designation does not independently establish unlimited trademark rights. Palmetto Token™ may expand its commercial activity, merchant adoption, public recognition, technology, and geographic presence over time. Rights associated with the mark may correspondingly develop or expand to the extent recognized by applicable law. Nothing in this notice is intended to interfere with valid rights previously established by another party. If potentially conflicting rights exist, questions of priority, scope, likelihood of confusion, and lawful concurrent use must be determined from the relevant facts and applicable law. Palmetto Token™ may seek state, federal, international, or other formal trademark protection in the future when appropriate. Any such registration would be evaluated separately from the common law rights addressed by this notice.

Until federal registration is obtained, Palmetto Token™ will use the ™ designation where appropriate and will not represent the mark as federally registered or use the ® symbol in connection with an unregistered mark. This notice therefore asserts the rights that Palmetto Token™ lawfully possesses or acquires through use without claiming rights that have not been established. Palmetto Token™ claims the full protection available to its mark under applicable law while recognizing that the existence, priority, scope, and geographic extent of common law trademark rights depend upon actual use and the circumstances surrounding that use.

Unauthorized Use, Impersonation and Consumer Confusion

The Palmetto Token™ name, branding, logos, and other identifying materials should not be used in a manner that falsely suggests that an unrelated person, token, business, website, social media account, application, product, service, or communication originates from or is authorized by Palmetto Token™. Digital assets present particular risks of impersonation because token names, symbols, logos, wallet interfaces, websites, social media profiles, and other identifying information can often be copied or reproduced without control of the authentic project or its blockchain infrastructure. The existence of another token using the name PALMETTO, a similar symbol, or visually similar branding does not establish any relationship with Palmetto

Token™. The authentic PALMETTO token should be identified through its official contract address and other verification information published by the project. Use of Palmetto Token™ branding in connection with a different token contract, fraudulent wallet address, deceptive payment request, counterfeit website, impersonating social media account, or other misleading resource may create confusion regarding the source or authenticity of that resource. Palmetto Token™ reserves the right to take reasonable action against unauthorized uses that infringe legally recognized rights, create a likelihood of confusion, falsely imply affiliation or authorization, facilitate impersonation, or otherwise misuse protected project identity. Such action may include documenting the unauthorized use, issuing notices or requests for correction or removal, reporting impersonating or deceptive content to relevant platforms or service providers, publishing public clarification, preserving evidence, or pursuing other remedies available under applicable law. The project may also maintain publicly verifiable information identifying its official token contract, blockchain addresses, websites, social media accounts, communication channels, documents, merchant resources, and other project infrastructure. These records provide users with independent methods of distinguishing authentic Palmetto Token™ resources from imitations. Nothing in this notice is intended to prohibit legitimate reference to Palmetto Token™ for purposes such as news reporting, commentary, criticism, education,

research, comparison, discussion, compatible third party services, or other uses permitted by applicable law. Third parties may also truthfully state that they hold, trade, support, accept, analyze, display, or provide services involving PALMETTO when such statements are accurate and do not falsely imply sponsorship, endorsement, ownership, authorization, or another relationship that does not exist. The project's interest in protecting its identity is directed toward preserving authenticity and reducing confusion rather than preventing legitimate discussion or independent participation in the permissionless PALMETTO ecosystem. Palmetto Token™ reserves all rights available under applicable law against deceptive, infringing, or confusing uses of its protected identity while recognizing legitimate reference, commentary, interoperability, and other lawful third party uses.

Permitted Use of Palmetto Token™ Branding

Palmetto Token™ recognizes that legitimate use of its name, token symbol, logo, and other identifying materials may be necessary for merchants, wallets, exchanges, blockchain explorers, market data services, payment systems, media organizations, community members, developers, and other parties to accurately identify or discuss the project. Third parties may make truthful references to Palmetto Token™ and PALMETTO when reasonably necessary to identify the project, token,

compatible services, transactions, markets, merchant acceptance, technical integrations, or other legitimate activities involving PALMETTO. Participating merchants may use authorized Palmetto Token™ identification materials to communicate that they accept PALMETTO as a payment method. Such use should accurately represent the merchant's participation and should not imply ownership, sponsorship, endorsement, partnership, or authority to act on behalf of Palmetto Token™ unless such a relationship has been separately established. Wallet providers, exchanges, decentralized exchanges, blockchain explorers, market data services, payment applications, and other compatible platforms may display the Palmetto Token™ name, PALMETTO symbol, logo, contract information, and related identifying information when reasonably necessary to identify the authentic token or provide legitimate services involving it. Media organizations, researchers, educators, analysts, and community members may use the Palmetto Token™ name and other reasonably necessary identifying material when reporting upon, discussing, reviewing, criticizing, explaining, or otherwise referring to the project in a lawful manner. Permitted reference to Palmetto Token™ does not authorize alteration of project branding in a misleading manner, registration of confusingly similar project identities, creation of counterfeit project materials, representation of another token as the authentic PALMETTO token, or use that falsely suggests an affiliation or authorization that does not exist. Third parties should not use Palmetto Token™ branding in

a manner that obscures the identity of the party actually providing a product or service. Where appropriate, independently operated products, services, communities, integrations, or resources involving PALMETTO should remain distinguishable from resources operated directly by Palmetto Token™. Authorization to use particular merchant materials, logos, graphics, or other project resources for a specific purpose does not constitute a transfer of ownership or a general license to use Palmetto Token™ intellectual property for unrelated purposes. Palmetto Token™ may publish branding guidelines or approved media resources in the future to improve consistency and make legitimate use of project identity easier. Such guidelines may evolve as the project, technology, merchant network, and public presence develop. Nothing in this section is intended to restrict uses independently permitted by applicable law. Rather, it establishes the project's general expectation that legitimate third party use should identify Palmetto Token™ accurately while preserving a clear distinction between the authentic project and independent parties. Palmetto Token™ branding may be used for legitimate identification and reference where permitted by law or authorized by the project, provided that such use does not create a false impression of ownership, origin, affiliation, sponsorship, endorsement, or authority.

Reservation and Enforcement of Rights

Palmetto Token™ expressly reserves all trademark, copyright, and other intellectual property rights that it lawfully possesses or may acquire in its name, logos, branding, original materials, and other protectable project identity. The project may monitor use of the Palmetto Token™ identity and take reasonable action when it becomes aware of activity that may infringe its rights, create consumer confusion, impersonate the project, misrepresent the authentic PALMETTO token, or otherwise misuse protected project materials. Enforcement decisions may consider the nature of the use, likelihood of confusion, potential harm, applicable law, available remedies, and the interests of the project and its users. Palmetto Token™ is not obligated to pursue every questionable or unauthorized use in the same manner. Failure to object to a particular use, delay in taking action, or a decision not to pursue a particular matter should not, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be interpreted as a general authorization for unrelated uses or an intentional abandonment of rights. Permission granted for a particular use of Palmetto Token™ branding applies only to the scope and purpose of that permission unless otherwise expressly stated. Authorization for one person, merchant, platform, publication, integration, or activity does not automatically authorize another. Palmetto Token™ may request that inaccurate, misleading, confusing, or unauthorized uses of project branding

be corrected, discontinued, or appropriately distinguished from the official project. Where necessary, the project may preserve evidence, communicate with relevant parties or platforms, publish clarification, or pursue remedies available under applicable law. The project may seek formal registration of one or more marks in the future. It may also enter into appropriate licenses, assignments, coexistence arrangements, enforcement agreements, or other lawful arrangements concerning its intellectual property when doing so serves the legitimate interests of the project. Any future transfer or assignment of trademark rights should be documented appropriately and should preserve the continuity and goodwill associated with the Palmetto Token™ identity to the extent required by applicable law. Nothing in this notice should be interpreted as creating rights that do not otherwise exist, eliminating valid defenses or lawful third party rights, or predetermining the outcome of any future trademark dispute. Questions concerning infringement, priority, enforceability, or remedies depend upon the facts and law applicable to the particular circumstances. The purpose of reserving and enforcing Palmetto Token™ rights is to preserve the authenticity, reputation, continuity, and identifiable source of the project while allowing legitimate participation in and reference to the PALMETTO ecosystem. Palmetto Token™ reserves the right to protect and enforce its lawful intellectual property rights while recognizing that the

existence, scope, and enforcement of those rights remain subject to applicable law.

Continuing Use and Future Protection

The Palmetto Token™ identity is intended to remain associated with an active and developing project. Continued use of the mark in connection with legitimate project activities helps preserve the continuity between the Palmetto Token™ name, the PALMETTO token, and the goods, services, technology, documentation, and other activities identified by the mark. As Palmetto Token™ develops, use of the mark may expand into additional geographic areas, merchant networks, payment systems, technical integrations, websites, applications, educational resources, merchandise, events, services, or other activities consistent with the development of the project. The technical infrastructure supporting PALMETTO may also evolve. Future integrations, additional networks, bridges, payment technologies, or other blockchain infrastructure may be developed while maintaining a documented relationship to the original Palmetto Token™ project and its established identity. Expansion of the project's activities does not automatically establish trademark rights in every jurisdiction, category, or field of use. Any additional rights will depend upon actual use, registration where applicable, and the laws governing the relevant circumstances. Palmetto Token™ may adopt updated

logos, designs, slogans, merchant identifiers, or other branding as the project develops. Historical versions may be preserved as part of the project's records, while current official resources may identify the branding in active use. The project may seek state, federal, international, or other formal protection for Palmetto Token™ or related marks when appropriate. Any future application or registration should be based upon accurate information concerning ownership, use, goods or services, dates, and other requirements applicable at that time. Future registration of a mark would supplement the project's intellectual property record but would not alter the historical evidence documenting the creation and prior use of the Palmetto Token™ identity. If the organizational structure responsible for Palmetto Token™ changes in the future, intellectual property rights may be assigned, licensed, transferred, or otherwise managed through appropriate documentation. Any such change should preserve a clear record connecting the continuing Palmetto Token™ identity with its prior use and associated goodwill. The project should continue preserving significant evidence of use as its public presence develops. Websites, merchant materials, published documents, public announcements, blockchain records, dated media, business records, and other contemporaneous materials may collectively document the continuing history of the mark. This notice may itself be revised as circumstances change. A revised notice should be identified as a new version rather than altering the historical

record of an earlier published version. The Palmetto Token™ identity may evolve with the project, while its history, continuity of use, and chain of rights should remain documented and independently distinguishable over time.

Closing Statement

The Palmetto Token™ identity represents more than the name of a digital token. It identifies the project, its origin, its public communications, documentation, technical development, merchant adoption efforts, and the body of work developed under the Palmetto Token™ name. Protection of that identity serves both the project and the public. A consistent and verifiable identity helps users distinguish the authentic PALMETTO token, official project resources, legitimate merchant materials, and authorized communications from unrelated or deceptive uses. This notice documents the project's claim to rights arising from the lawful use of Palmetto Token™ while recognizing the limitations inherent in common law trademark protection. It does not represent the mark as federally registered, does not claim exclusive ownership of ordinary language beyond legally protectable use, and does not attempt to create rights merely through declaration. Palmetto Token™ intends to preserve evidence of its continuing use, maintain identifiable official resources, and protect its name and branding when reasonably necessary to prevent confusion, impersonation, or misuse.

At the same time, protection of the project's identity should remain compatible with the open nature of PALMETTO. Holders, merchants, developers, platforms, researchers, media organizations, and community members may legitimately identify, discuss, support, accept, analyze, or interact with PALMETTO without acquiring ownership of the Palmetto Token™ identity or becoming representatives of the project. The project's technology, geographic presence, merchant adoption, public recognition, organizational structure, and branding may evolve over time. The Palmetto Token™ identity should remain connected to a documented history of actual use so that its origin and continuity can be independently established as the project develops. Nothing in this notice should be interpreted as replacing the requirements of applicable trademark, copyright, business, or other law. The existence and scope of intellectual property rights remain determined by applicable law and the facts surrounding their creation and use. Palmetto Token™ reserves all rights that it lawfully possesses or acquires in its name, branding, original materials, and other protectable project identity. Palmetto Token™ claims and preserves its identity through actual use, documented history, public transparency, and the protection of all rights available under applicable law.