



Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

To Protect, Promote, Bring to Life, Implement, and Sustain the True Spirit and Intent of Treaty No. 8 as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow.

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To Everyone in Treaty No. 8,

The Christmas season is upon us again and with it comes a time to reflect upon the year that we have had. With this reflection we can see that while some things may not have changed, there are quite a few things that have. These changes we have seen have showcased the indomitable spirit of First Nations people to continue to move forward in the face of overwhelmingly opposition. Staging rallies, in the bitter Canadian cold, show a strength and solidarity of a people with the driving will to overcome obstacles. It is in this spirit, this willingness to carry on and preserve our livelihood, culture and traditions even through a tragic history of colonialism and Indian Residential Schools that will ensure we have a legacy to pass onto to our children.

But in turbulent times like these is when we need our families the most. Our families give us the strength and reason we need to continue on with our lives and the work that we need to do. This is why the holiday season is so important; it gives us a chance to step back and spend some time with those that bring us laughter, joy and love. I encourage all of you to spend this holiday season with those that you care about and who care about you.

From myself and all the staff at Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta I wish you the happiest of holidays and all the best to your family. I look forward to the new year and hope that it finds you and your family healthy and happy.

Best Wishes,

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