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Treaty No. 6 Chiefs support repeal of Bill 22

May 3, 2016 (Edmonton, Alberta) - The Chiefs of Treaty No. 6 are proud to support and congratulate Premier Rachel Notley and the NDP government on repealing *Bill 22: Aboriginal Consultation Levy Act*.

Treaty No. 6 Chiefs have been vocal that Indigenous groups have been left out of the consultation process since the Conservative government announced that Bill 22 was going to be implemented.

“The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 is very pleased Premier Notley and the NDP government have decided to start new discussions and take a different course with Treaty and Indigenous Nations,” said Treaty No. 6 Grand Chief Tony Alexis. “We must be at the table during any new development on policy or legislation to prevent situations that will later force apologies.”

With the repeal of Bill 22, the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6 look forward to working with Premier Notley and Minister Feehan on charting a new course forward.

Discussions with the NDP government should include the future of the Aboriginal Consultation Office, resource revenue sharing and the *Natural Resource Transfer Act (1930)*. This new direction will be guided by documents like the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and our sacred Treaties.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 strives to protect the fundamental treaty and human rights of First Nations people. The Confederacy is dedicated to ensuring that the terms, spirit and intent of Treaty Six are honoured and respected.

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