



# CONFEDERACY OF **TREATY SIX** FIRST NATIONS

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Since the 1930 Natural Resource Transfer Agreement (NRTA), it is Albertans who have been benefiting off the lands of our ancestors, for much longer than our own people have. The Indigenous Peoples have fought to protect our Mother Earth since the beginning of time. We have urged industry and stake holders to work with the Indigenous Peoples to seek a balance that will honor what Mother Earth provides; instead industry and stakeholders continue to rape and steal what she is not willing to give. Therefore, I question you - is it equality or our lands you seek? And if so, who exactly stands to benefit from this equality? Or maybe it is the inequality of our stolen resources that you seek?

The economic decline as mentioned in "The Buffalo Declaration", is said to have left Albertan families shattered with amplified suicide and domestic violence rates. Sadly, these are the types of tragedies our people can connect with. Regrettably, the Indigenous communities have statistics that triple those incidences as compared to the average non-Indigenous communities. We ask you, why is that not enough to reinforce our pleas for sovereignty? As Blake Richards stated - we too feel disconnected from and disrespected by the rest of Canada.

The Treaty No. 6 Chiefs challenge the Canadian and Alberta Government to acknowledge the wrongs at their front door and will once again remind Alberta's leaders that our Treaty No. 6 (1876) predates the creation of the Province of Alberta (1905) and there will be no such threats of separating "OUR LANDS", any further than history has already done.

Both Governments are aware of the Bilateral relationship as it exists with the Crown. As good neighbors, we respectfully remind you that the Treaty Lands we share with you is, was, and will never be owned by the any level of government. Therefore, it is unviable for any government to negotiate and leverage any such threats or transactions. Without a bill of sale, there was never any sale of our lands. Our traditional territories were provided by the Creator and gifted to us to respect, honor and protect.

**The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Chiefs**