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(amiskwaciwâskahikan) THE CONFEDERACY OF TREATY NO. 6 FIRST NATIONS CONDEMNS ACTS OF TRESPASS, VANDALISM AND VIOLENCE DISPLAYED AGAINST THE ENOCH CREE NATION DURING GRACELIFE CHURCH DEMONSTRATIONS.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs wholly and unreservedly condemn the acts of trespass, vandalism and violence perpetrated against the sovereign Enoch Cree Nation during demonstrations associated nearby with the Grace Life Church on April 11, 2021.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs would like to remind the public that as a sovereign Treaty First Nations with recognized and visibly marked traditional territory, the Enoch Cree Nation is free to exercise its right to determine entry into its Territory by non-Nation members.

Whereas the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs understands that the vast majority of Grace Life Church demonstrators who trespassed onto Enoch Cree Nation Territory did so peacefully and non-violently, however supporters of their event engaged in acts of racism, violence, and vandalized property. Such acts are illegal, unacceptable and a clear violation of the Nations right to community safety. There was failure on the part of the Provincial Government to uphold the law for these protesters and for not enforcing COVID restrictions for gatherings. Leaving the Nation at risk to protect themselves and their lands.

The Confederacy of Treaty No.6 First Nations stands with Enoch Cree Nation's and affirms their inherent rights to nationhood and self-determination, including the right to determine entry to its sovereign territory, the right to call for eviction of any individuals or groups in violation of that right, and the right to levy penalties, fines, or other forms of redress in such demonstrated examples of violation.

Grand Chief Watchmaker is deeply concerned by the reckless acts of violence that diminishes the relationship with settler representatives and recommends that all Albertans educate themselves about the Treaty relationship and the responsibility that each of us holds in regards to respecting one another's laws.

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