

Statement of Support for the October 26, 2026 National Day of Action

We, the undersigned First Nation persons, organizations and governments declare that it is time for every one of our First Nations Peoples to stand against Canada's continued efforts to undermine First Nation sovereignty and self-determination.

Our First Nation Peoples have endured generations of policies, laws and legislations designed to erase our sovereignty, destroy our relationships to the land and waters and to dismantle our historic Treaties or original agreements with the newcomers to this land.

Canada has been following an agenda to dispossess us from our lands, resources and inherent attachments to historical practices found only on this great island. Today, governments advance policies that “*deny the international right of self-determination,*” while pushing “*municipalization,*” and treating Aboriginal Title as something that can be “*extinguished, modified, or negotiated away.*”

- As individuals, organizations and First Nation governments, we reject all of it.
- We will continue to stand together as sovereign Nations.
- We stand together as First Nations Peoples who refuse to be municipalized, assimilated, or extinguished.
- We stand together for our ancestors and for the generations yet to come.

We assert the following:

1. Aboriginal Title Is Not Negotiable

Aboriginal Title is inherent, original, and unceded. It cannot be bought, sold, traded, or extinguished. We reject every policy, process, or agreement—modern or historic—that attempts to diminish it.

2. Self-Determination Is Our Right, Not Canada's to Grant

For decades, federal policy has been used to “*deny First Nations international right of self-determination.*” We refuse delegated authority. We refuse municipalization. We refuse fee-simple land regimes. We refuse any structure that reduces First Nations to administrative units of the Crown.

3. Treaties Are Sacred and Binding

Treaties were made between sovereign Nations. They cannot be reinterpreted, weakened, or replaced by termination-style agreements. We reject all attempts to redefine Treaty relationships through policy, legislation, or negotiation frameworks.

4. Land Back Is Not a Slogan—It is part of our Inherent and Collective Responsibility

The Creator has gifted us the stewardship of this land. In mainstream definitions, without Title and Self-Determination, First Nations cannot “*restore lands, seek restitution, protect territories, benefit from resources, or stop unwanted development.*” We assert our responsibility to defend our lands, waters, and territories by any peaceful means necessary.

5. A New Framework Must Be Built on Sovereignty, and Not Colonial Convenience

We **demand** a new policy-legislative framework that affirms:

- Aboriginal Title
- Inherent rights
- Upholds and implements all Treaties - written or historically understood
- International self-determination
- Nation-to-Nation relationships
- No provincial veto
- No federal delegation model
- Fiscal arrangements based on rights and needs
- Respect for First Nations legal orders

Our Expectations of Leadership

As individuals, organizations and First Nations governments, we will assist our people and continue to call on Chiefs, Councils, and national organizations to stand firm. We expect:

- no acceptance of termination-style agreements
- no municipalization
- no fee-simple land conversion
- no extinguishment of rights
- no closed-door deals
- no compromises that weaken sovereignty

We agree that First Nations Leadership must be accountable to the People—not to Ottawa, not to the provinces, not to political pressure.

We add our Voices to the Collective Commitment for October 26, 2026

October 26 is not a ceremony. It is not a photo opportunity. It is not a symbolic gathering.

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It is a **national confrontation with colonial power**—peaceful, disciplined, and unstoppable.

In Ottawa

- We will gather at the FNFMM venue.
- We will bring drums and the songs that have always echoed in this land.
- We will bring our flags, the original eagle staffs and other banners signalling our continued responsibilities.
- We will bring our orators and truth speakers to make our position as clear as it was at the time of first contact.
- We will continue to make our demands visible, loud, and unavoidable.
- We are the First Peoples;
- We have purpose, and we remain true to our ancestors.

Across Turtle Island - We will mobilize through:

- rallies
- marches
- teach-ins
- cultural gatherings
- peaceful highway and bridge demonstrations
- coordinated national messaging

The time to act is now, before it's too late!

Our message will be unmistakable:

We will not allow the extinguishment of our rights. We will not accept municipalization. We will not let governments define our future. We will defend our lands, our Treaties, and our sovereignty.

Declaration

We, the undersigned individuals, organizations and First Nation governments, declare that First Nations are still sovereign. We declare that First Nations Inherent and Treaty rights are not negotiable. We declare that colonial governments will not write the future for our collective First Nations.

October 26 is our day. The future is our responsibility. The power is in our hands.

Sign On from Individuals, Organizations and First Nation Governments.

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