

Sts-oomsts yeeh
S-Ooknahkchinx
OKANAGAN NATION
DECLARATION

Yeeh koo S-Ooknahkchinx kgoolhentem yarpnah shchelhecharlt kthkidekminet kgel yayart yeeh sentsoo-weeptet. Oothl yalah yarpnah koo tsoot.

We, the Okanagan Nation make this declaration today as a sign for every generation to come. Therefore, we hereby declare that:

Mneemhltet yeeh koo xahtmaskchilwk, koo temskchiwhewh yatlah te temwhoolahwh, yeeh toomhtemhltet.

We are the unconquered aboriginal peoples of this land, our mother;

Telh kgoolhentsooten switzetxtet yeeh toomhtemhltet, ksnpee-eelshmenhtemh, kstxetdenhtimh oothl kskgethikchiwhenhtemh.

The creator has given us our mother, to enjoy, to manage and to protect;

Telhs meeas qchesapihs, yeeh koo xahtmaskchilwh koos queleewtx eel toomhtemhltet.

We, the first inhabitants, have lived with our mother from time immemorial:

Yeeh koo S-Ooknahkchinx yeeh tzoehentsootentet koo xeehxeehstim koo kgel yayart phchwikstmentem an hchastan yeeh telh toomhtemhltet.

Our Okanagan Governments have allowed us to share equally in the resources of our mother;

Loot penhkinh tde xeehxeehxeexmentem yeeh stethltethltet yeeh kgel toomhtemhltet, yeeh telh toomhtemh an hchastantet, yeeh txtdeephltentet oothl yeeh noonemwhenahtentet.

We have never given up our rights to our mother, our mother's resources, our governments and our religion;

Loot penhkinh koo tdeks nzespoolawhahx. Peentk kstxtdiplahntemh yeeh telh toomhtemh an hchastantet koo kgel yayart, telh yarpnah oothl tdeswhoois.

We will survive and continue to govern our mother and her resources for the good of all for all time.

CHIEFS AND COUNCILORS

OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND

Chief - Clarence Louis

Councilors - Veronique McGinnis

- Thomas Alex

PENTICTON INDIAN BAND

Chief - Adam Enes

Councilors - Jeanette Armstrong

- Leo Orland

- Joseph Pierre

- Archie Jack

UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND

Chief - Hazel Squakim

Councilors - Karen Holmes

- Carrie Allison

LOWER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND

Chief - Bernet Allison

Councilors - Richard Terbasket

- Ralph Best

- Pauline Terbasket

OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND

Chief - Murray Alexis

Councilors - Gradin Alexis

- Johnny (Tim) Alexis

- Albert Saddleman

- Cecil Louis

- Matthew Bonneau

- Molly Bonneau

- Herbert Simpson

- Raymond Gregoire

- Daniel Wilson

WESTBANK INDIAN BAND

Chief - Robert Louis

Councilors - Harold Derickson

- Rose Derickson

NICOLA INDIAN BAND

Chief - Fred Holmes

Councilors - Harvey McLeod

- Walter Anthasian

- Sharon Lindley

- Richard McLeod