



## ntət i? tɬ ʃaʔxítət ʃɬ i? nəqsiltət FAMILY DECLARATION

Creator and Coyote laid down our laws/responsibility for us, sqilx<sup>w</sup>/syilx/sʔuk<sup>w</sup>naqínx, to carry for all time. We hold in high regard these decrees and teachings of accepting the responsibility to be keepers of our waters, territory, lands, foods, and resources.

The Land, all creation, and us, as sqilx<sup>w</sup>/syilx/sʔuk<sup>w</sup>naqínx People, are one from time immemorial. We the sqilx<sup>w</sup>/syilx/sʔuk<sup>w</sup>naqínx (Okanagan Peoples) have inhabited our territory – we defend and look after our lands and resources. We speak our language, love our customs, traditions and our way of life. We have not and will never cede, release, or surrender our lands or resources – for all time.

We define family as our immediate family, our extended family, and all those that we accept as family.

From time immemorial, our children now, those yet to be born, are sacred. We revere our children. We all care for our children and our families.

It is our inherent right, that we are the only ones to say what governs us, for what are the best interests, the good health, and well-being of our children and people, and our sqilx<sup>w</sup>/syilx/sʔuk<sup>w</sup>naqínx ways.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES PRESENTS

# SYILX NATION NƏQSIŁTƏT FAMILY DECLARATION PRESENTATIONS

UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND  
COMMUNITY SESSION

**MAY 9, 2025 | 11 AM - 1 PM**

**CHUCHUWAYHA HALL, 5771 HWY 3 HEDLEY BC**

Join the Nation Child and Family Team as we present to Chief & Council and language speakers with the neqsiltet Family Declaration.

The neqsiltet Family Declaration was developed by elders and knowledge keepers, who worked together to support the Nation's families to revitalize aspects of our sqilx<sup>w</sup>/syilx/sʔuk<sup>w</sup>naqínx ways of being and knowing.

***\*Lunch will be provided!***

**OPEN TO ALL SYILX NATION MEMBERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

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**Children and Families:**

Children and Families addresses complex root causes caused by colonialism and reinforces our community's ability to create healthy environments where children are safe and can thrive.