SYILX UNITY

Declaration

MEMBERS OF
THE OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE
and COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

make this declaration to signify unity between the Syilx Nation

THE PARTIES have owned and occupied their Indigenous homelands since time immemorial; and

WITHOUT consultation or agreement with the Parties, colonizing governments established an international boundary, bisecting the Parties’ homelands; and

THE PARTIES never agreed to or acquiesced to the international boundary at the 49th parallel; and

DESPITE the international boundary the Parties remain united through cultural, familial, territorial, economic, and political ties; and

THE PARTIES wish to strengthen this unity politically, culturally, and economically; and

THE PARTIES understand that working together for the Parties rights, title, and claims in unity best serves our collective interests.

The Parties agree as follows:

POLITICAL UNITY: The Parties agree to foster and encourage cooperation through political unity and alliance.

CULTURAL UNITY: The Parties agree to work in unity to protect, preserve, and promote the Parties’ common culture, history, and language.

ECONOMIC UNITY: The Parties agree to work in unity to foster and expand economic development within their communities.

TERRITORIAL UNITY: The Parties agree that they will make best efforts to proceed in unity on all claims or assertions to title and/or rights that pertain to the Parties’ Indigenous territory or special claims.

DATED JULY 15, 2010
SYLX UNITY DECLARATION SIGNED BY:

UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND

Chief Ralf Edward
Counsellor Keith Crow
Counsellor Carrie Terbasket
Counsellor Louis Terbasket
Lower Similkameen Elders

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Counsellor Homer Alson
Counsellor Musso Rona
Counsellor William Gubens
Counsellor June Cole
Counsellor Timothy Jone
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PENTICTON INDIAN BAND

Chief Jonathan Krugor
Counsellor Clinton Gabriel
Counsellor B. Jessa Gabriel
Counsellor Kevin Gabriel
Counsellor Nona Gabriel
Counsellor Timmsbatt Gabriel
Counsellor Jess Phillip
Counsellor Joseph Peeres
Counsellor Louise Wilson
Potawomic Elders
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UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND

Chief Charlotte Mitchell
Counsellor Carmelita Holmes
Counsellor Nancy Allman
Upper Similkameen Elders
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COVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

Michael D. Foley – Chairman
Harvey Moore Jr. – Vice Chairman
Sylvia Bradley – Secretary
Sant Allen
Shirley K. Childs
Ricky Gabriel
Andy Joseph Jr.
Mike Marchand
Chevon Massmore
Brian Miller
Dana Seymour
Vigil Seymour
John F. Streague
Kevin Wilson
Cowichan Elders – Virginia S. Moise
Cowichan Elders – Rodlyn Arnold
Cowichan Elders – Del Louis
Cowichan Elders – Jeannie Lewis
Cowichan Elders – Lawrence Tomasket
Cowichan Elders – Trudy Tomasket
Cowichan Elders – Alex Jones
Cowichan Elders – Geraldine Son
Cowichan Elders – Ellen Moise
Cowichan Elders – William Gubens
Cowichan Elders – Joseph Marchand
Cowichan Elders – Mary A. Marchand

Dated July 15, 2010
SYILX UNITY DECLARATION SIGNING WITNESSED THIS DAY:

[Signatures]

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