CHIEFS’ STATEMENT:

Strengthening Our Syilx Nation, Creating a Syilx Constitution Together

As a unified Syilx Okanagan Nation Chiefs Executive Council, we continue to affirm our mandate to advocate, practice and preserve and protect the culture, language, tmx"ulax", tmix", siwik" and title as our uncinmentm, uł as syilx t9 sq8lxw+cawts i? syilx nuk"cwilxw and rights of the Syilx Peoples.

As one of the critical and necessary steps in strengthening and legitimizing the evolving Syilx Nation governance systems and processes, we will undertake an inclusive, transparent and accountable community engagement process to create and ratify a Syilx Constitution.

This work will be supported in each of our communities to uphold and renew Syilx legal order and laws, drawing on our oral traditions in which foundational Syilx laws are embedded.

Captk"t teachings about Syilx Okanagan laws, customs, values, governance structures and principles define and inform Syilx Okanagan rights and responsibilities to the land and to our culture.

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