



# OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE

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## CHIEFS' STATEMENT:

### **Strengthening Our Syilx Nation, Creating a Syilx Constitution Together**

“səc k'wəck'wəctwil'xstm i? syilx nuk'w'cwilx'wət, i? k' k'əkmistntət k'w'u y'ay'fat ks ki'y'a?mncutmntm

**As a unified Syilx Okanagan Nation Chiefs Executive Council, we continue to affirm our mandate to**  
i? k'w'u syilx nuk'w'cwilx'w i? k'w'u xa?xa?tus i? k'w'u yilimix'wəm , ny'ayp ətc k'uləmstm i? scunən'ma?tət

**advocate, practice and preserve and protect the culture, language, tmx'wulax'w, tmix'w, siw'k'w and title**  
ks ətc unxcinmntm, u' k'w' səc k'qayx'wstm i? sqəl'w'caw't, ansyilxcn, i? tmx'wulax'w, i? tmix'w, i? siw'k'w u'

**and rights of the Syilx Peoples.**

i? stə'ta'tət i? k'w'u syilx tə sqaylx'w.

**As one of the critical and necessary steps in strengthening and legitimatizing the evolving Syilx Nation**  
i? naqs i? k' k'w'əck'wəctans tac i k' k' ks unix'w'ux'w's i? sqəl'w'caw'ts i? syilx nuk'w'cwilx'w

**governance systems and processes, we will undertake an inclusive, transparent and accountable**  
ankc'w'ipla?ntət i? sk'ulə'ls, ixi? iks ck'ul'tət cəm y'fatswit ili? əcnxi?, lut t'ə ks wyk'w'mntm ks t'iq'w'tuq'w't ax

**community engagement process to create and ratify a Syilx Constitution.**

i? cwilx'w i k'w'u ks k'x'xtu'təm i? ks ck'ul'tət u' k'w'u y'ay'fat ks knusəl'ix'kstmntəm i? k'w'u syilx ikt' nak'ula?mntət.

**This work will be supported in each of our communities to uphold and renew Syilx legal order and**  
axa? ts ck'ul' cəm y'fat i? cwuwilx'w'tət k' k' k'əkm'ins u' k'w' ts t'ix'w'usysəl'x i? tawnix'w i? sqəl'w'caw't u'

**laws, drawing on our oral traditions in which foundational Syilx laws are embedded.**

ankc'w'ipla?ntət i? t'l anqaylx'w'cns i? syilx itli? ki ats k'w'iscts atc xə?it ank'c'w'ipla?nt.

**Captik'w't teachings about Syilx Okanagan laws, customs, values, governance structures and principles**

i? captik'w't nc'xilt' n i? k' k' syilx suk'w'naqaynx i? ank'c'w'ipla?nt's, i? sqəl'w'caw'ts, u' i? xa?xa?tustət ətc ha? stis  
ixi? i? sk'ulə'ls.

**define and inform Syilx Okanagan rights and responsibilities to the land**

i? ks mymayts t'ac k' k' lux'w'stis i? syilx suk'w'na?qaynx i? stə'ta'təts i? k' k' təm'x'w'ula?x'w

**and to our culture.**

u' i? k' k' sqəl'w'caw'tət.

*~Approved by Chiefs Executive Council December 12, 2018*

