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**STATEMENT
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STATEMENT ON THE UNITED TREATY MOVEMENT & THE KING'S VISIT

May 26-27, 2025

Unceded Territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation

Bigstone Cree Nation, located within Treaty 8 Territory, stood in solidarity with Nations from across Turtle Island. As a proud signatory to Treaty 8, our Nation continues to uphold the spirit and intent of our Treaty—one built on peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, and shared prosperity. On May 25-28, 2025, Bigstone Cree Nation Chief Andy Alook attended the United Treaty Movement reaffirming our shared commitment to protecting our lands, asserting our rights, and ensuring that future generations inherit a strong, sovereign Nation.

As First Nations gathered in unity on the unceded territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation, we collectively acknowledged the significance of those two days under the banner of the United Treaty Movement. This movement represented more than an event—it was a powerful assertion of sovereignty, a living reminder that our Treaties are not relics of the past but binding Nation-to-Nation agreements that continue to shape the present.

On May 27, His Majesty the King addressed Canada with the Throne Speech, marking the opening of the 45th Parliament. While ceremonial words were delivered within the walls of the Senate, outside—on the steps of Parliament Hill and across this land—First Nations leadership stood in ceremony, solidarity, and strength.

The Chiefs of the United Treaty Movement responded with clarity: Reconciliation cannot exist without accountability. The Treaties were not acts of surrender—they were agreements grounded in mutual recognition, respect, and responsibility. That responsibility remains unmet.

Over the course of those two days, the Nations led Pipe Ceremonies, community gatherings, and public actions that honoured our ancestors and spoke truth to the Crown. The ceremonial planting of trees and the presence of our Elders and youth reminded the world that our cultures thrive, our Nations rise, and our people will not be silenced or forgotten.

As the King and Queen departed, we reminded all levels of government that our expectations remain unchanged: honour the Treaties, uphold the promises, and respect our sovereignty—not through words alone, but through meaningful action.

We were not waiting to be invited into history—we were living it. And we will continue to move forward, guided by the strength of our ancestors, the leadership of our Chiefs, and the vision of our future generations.

Signed,

Andy Alook

Chief Andy Alook

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