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On August 20, 2026, Bigstone Cree Nation Chief and Council approved Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin, Bigstone Cree Nation's child and family well-being law.

This Law, Bigstone Cree Nation's first law enacted pursuant to our Constitution, reflects Bigstone Cree Nation's Inherent right to exercise jurisdiction and responsibility for the care of all Nation members, and especially children, pursuant to our Nation laws, beliefs, standards, and practices.

Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin reflects our responsibility to our children and families first, to ensure they grow up safe, supported, and connected to family, to have a connection to our traditional lands, our culture, and to have a strong Bigstone Cree Nation identity. This approval affirms our commitment to decisions that serve the best interests of our children now, and for future generations.

Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin was drafted following extensive Nation community consultations with members, Youth, Elders, and Affiliates. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of everyone who took the time to attend engagements and to ensure that our law truly reflects Bigstone Cree Nation child and family well-being.

Copies of Awasis Nahayaw Weyasiwewin has been made available to members through the engagement process and will be made available to members on request. A referendum date will be forthcoming in the future.

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