



## Message on International Women's Day

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Although we are raised to honour women every day, it is also an honour to stand with the international community as we take a collective moment to celebrate the women in our lives. From our mothers to our sisters to our little nieces and the neighborhood girls, each have a role in our homes, our community, at the office, and of course, in our hearts. The women of Eeyou Istchee must be celebrated for the sacred knowledge and tradition that they have passed on for hundreds of years. Our culture is alive and thriving because of this.

International Women's Day celebrates the achievements of all these women and girls that surround us. They are our healthcare and frontline workers, our cashiers at the grocery store, our artists who dream of kinder worlds, that co-worker who makes us laugh every day. They are our grandmothers who show us their best bannock tricks, our moms who are our greatest fans, our daughters who make us proud to love unconditionally, and our wives and partners who know just how to hug us to make us feel like we are going to be ok. Women are the backbone of societies across the globe. What would we do without them?

We are fortunate to have one another in Eeyou Istchee. During times when the world is going through painful tragedies and events, we are grateful for the safety of our communities and families to return to each day.

In the spirit of creating a better world for the women of tomorrow, let us begin now to help create one that is free of discrimination, stereotypes, and bias. All women, be they young or elderly, regardless of religion, race, or sexual orientation and gender identity deserve a world where they feel safe, respected and free to be who they are. [#breakthebias](#)

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