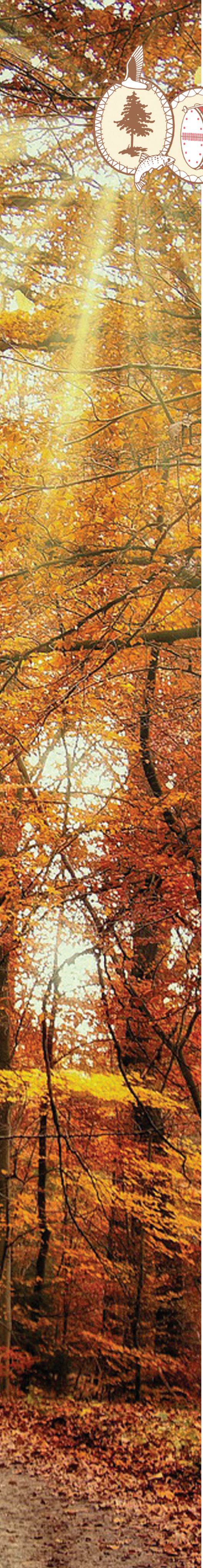

ᐧᐄᓂᐯᑰᐄᔨᔫᒡ ᓅᐦᒋᒦᐅᐄᔨᔫᒡ ᐁ ᓈᒐᒫᑐᐧᒑᐤ (ᐄᔨᔫ ᐊᔅᒌ)
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ᐊᔨᒧᐧᐃᓐ ᐋ ᐱᒋᔅᑎᓂᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐋ ᐧᐃᐦᒋᔅᒫᔭᐃᐦᒑᑯᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ 49 ᑎᐦᑐ ᐱᐳᓐᐦ ᐋᐦᑐᐱᐳᐧᓈᔮᒡ ᐋ ᑎᐱᔅᑭᒧᒥᑭᐦᒡ ᑳ ᐃᔅᐱᔅ ᒥᔑᓂᐦᐆᓱᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᒋᒥᔅ ᐯᐃ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐊᑎᒫᐲᔑᒻ ᑯᐯᒃ ᓂᔅᑯᒧᐧᐃᓐ

ᑳ ᒥᔑᓂᐦᐆᓱᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᒋᒥᔅ ᐯᐃ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐊᑎᒫᐲᔑᒻ ᑯᐯᒃ ᓂᔅᑯᒧᐧᐃᓐ ᑭᔅᑭᑎᓐ ᐲᓯᒻ 11 ᑳᐦᑐᒋᓯᐦᐧᑳᓯᑦ 1975 ᑳ ᐃᑎᔅᒑᒡ ᐋ ᐱᐳᐦᒡ᙮ ᐊᓐ ᑳ ᐱᐳᐦᒡ ᒫ ᒥᔑᓂᐦᐅᓱᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐊᓐ ᑳ ᒋᔅᒑᒫᐆᐦᒡ ᓂᔅᑯᒧᐧᐃᓐ ᐊᑯᑎᐦ ᑳ ᐅᐦᒋᐱᔨᒡ ᓈᔥᒡ ᐋ ᒌ ᐊᔨᒥᔨᑯᒡ ᐊᓂᒌ ᑳ ᐊᔨᒥᔅᑎᐦᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐊᓂᒌ ᐱᔥᒡ ᐋ ᒋᔅᒑᒫᐧᐋᔨᐦᒑᑯᓯᒡ ᑳ ᓂᑲᓂᓯᒡ ᐊᓂᑎᐦ ᐊᓐ ᒫᐧᑳᒡ᙮

ᐊᓐ ᑳ ᒥᔑᓂᐦᐅᓱᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐊᓐ ᔖᒻ ᓂᔅᑯᒧᐧᐃᓐ ᑭᔅᑭᑎᓐ ᐲᓯᒻ 16 ᑳᐦᑐᒋᓯᐦᐧᑳᓯᑦ 1974 ᑳ ᐃᑎᔅᒑᒡ ᐋ ᐱᐳᐦᒡ, ᐹᔨᐤ ᐱᐳᓐᐦ ᐊᓂᒑᐦ ᐃᔑ ᐅᒑᐦᒡ ᐋᐧᒫᔮᐦ ᐊᓐ ᐧᐊᒋᐦᒡ ᓂᔅᑯᒧᐧᐃᓐ ᐅᐦᒡ ᒥᔑᓂᐦᐅᓱᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ, ᑳ ᐄᔅᐧᑳᔮᒡ ᐊᓐ ᑳ ᐅᐦᒡ ᐊᔨᒥᐦᐋᑐᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᒋᒥᔅ ᐯᐃ ᑳ ᐆᔅᑯᑎᒥᐦᒫᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐊᓂᑎᐦ ᒫᐦ ᐅᐦᒡ ᓂᓱᓈᒋᐦᒑᑭᓅᑯᐱᓈᐦ ᒋᑎᔅᒋᓅᐦ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐊᓐ ᑳ ᐃᔑ ᐱᒫᑎᓯᐦᐃᐤ ᐊᓂᒑᐦ ᐃᔑ ᐸᒋ ᐅᒑᐦᒡ, ᐋᑳ ᐅᐦᒡ ᐋᔮᐱᒑᔨᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᒫᐧᑳᓐ, ᒋᐦᒑᐅᒡ ᐊᓂᒌ ᑳ ᐊᔨᒥᔅᑎᐦᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐧᐃᔨᐧᐋᐤ ᐋ ᒌ ᓵᐱᔨᒡ ᐊᓂᔮᔨᐤ ᑳ ᐃᔑ ᐧᐃᐦᑎᐦᒡ ᐋ ᒋᐦᑳᑯᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐄᔨᔨᐤ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐄᔅᒋᒫᐅᒡ ᐅᑭᓐᒋᐦᐆᐃᓂᐧᐋᐤᐦ ᐊᓂᑎᐦ ᐧᐋᐦᒡ ᒌᐦᒑᔨᐤ ᐊᓅᐦᒡ ᐆ ᑳᔑᑳᒡ ᐋᐦᒑᔨᐦᐤ᙮ ᐅᑎᐦ ᐆ ᑳ ᐊᔨᒥᔅᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐋᐅᐤ ᑳ ᐊᐱᒋᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐊᓐ ᑳ ᐸᒋ ᐃᔑᓈᑯᐦᒡ ᐱᒫᑎᓯᐧᐃᓐ ᐅᒑᐦ ᐃᔑ ᐸᒋ ᐅᒑᐦᒡ, ᐋ ᒌ ᐆᐧᐊᑎᔅᑐᐧᐊᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᒋᑎ ᐄᔨᔨᒥᓅᐧᐃᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐊᔨᐦᒡ ᐋ ᐃᔑᓈᑯᐦᒡ ᐋ ᐧᐃᒫᐱᑎᓯᒥᑐᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐄᔨᔨᐤ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐊᓂᒌ ᑎᐹᔨᐦᒋᒫᓯᐅᒡ ᐊᓂᑎᐦ ᑳᓈᒑᐦ ᑭᔮᐦ ᒫᒃ ᑯᐯᑭᐦᒡ᙮

ᐋ ᒌ ᓄᑯᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐋᑳ ᒥᑯ ᐅᐦᒡ ᒑᔨᐦᑯ ᐅᑎᐦ ᐋ ᒌ ᓄᑯᐦᒡ ᒑᐧᐸᐦ ᒋᔮᓂᐤ ᐋ ᒌ ᐅᐦᒑᒋᐦᐆᔨᐦᑯ ᑭᔮᐦ ᒫᒃ ᐋ ᒌ ᑭᓂᐧᐊᔨᐦᑎᒥᐦᑯ ᐆ ᐄᔨᔨᐤ ᐊᔅᒌ, ᐊᓂᒌ ᑳ ᓃᑲᓂᔅᑲᑎᐦᑯᒡ, ᐋ ᒌ ᐧᐋᐱᐦᑎᐦᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐋ ᒌ ᓵᔅᑎᓈᑎᔅᒑᒡ, ᔫᐦᑊ ᐋᒌ ᐊᐱᑎᔫᔅᑎᐦᒡ ᔭᔨᒑᐃ ᒫ ᒌᐦ ᐹᐦᒑᑭᓂᔨᒡ ᒋᑎ ᐊᔨᒧᐧᒥᓂᐤᐦ ᑭᔮᐦ ᒋᑭᔥᒋᐦᐆᐃᓂᐤᐦ ᒫ ᒌᐦ ᐧᐋᐱᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᔨᒡ᙮

ᐋ ᒋᐦᒋᓂᐧᐊᒋᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᒫᒃ ᐆ ᓈᔥᒡ ᐋ ᒋᔅᑎᒫᐅᐦᒡ ᒥᓐ ᐋ ᐅᑎᓵᐱᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ, ᐅᒑᐦᒡ ᒋᑎᒑᐱᓈᓂᐤ ᒥᒥᐦᑕᑯᓯᐧᐃᓂᐦᒡ ᒥᔅᑯᓯᐧᐃᓂᐦᒡ ᐋ ᒌ ᔩᐦᒋᑳᐱᐃᒡ ᐧᐊᔅᑭᒡ ᑳ ᓂᑲᓂᔅᑲᑎᐦᑯᒡ, ᑭᔮᐦ ᒌ ᒧᔅᒫᔨᐦᒑᓈᓂᐤ ᑳᒋᒡ ᐋ ᒌ ᐊᐱᑎᔨᔅᑎᐦᒡ ᐊᓂᔮᔨᐤ ᑳ ᐃᔑ ᑲᐳᔅᑎᐦᒡ ᑳ ᐃᔑ ᑯᒋᐦᑖᒡ᙮ ᐊᑯᑎᐦ ᑭᔮᐦ ᒫ ᒋᐦ ᒌᔅᒋᔨᐦᑯ ᐊᓂᒑᐦ ᑳ ᐅᑐᐦᒑᔨᐦᑯ ᑳ ᐹᔨᔨᑯᔨᐦᑯ ᐅᑎᐦ ᐆ ᐋᐦᒑᔨᐦᑯ ᒫᐧᑳᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᒫ ᒌᐦ ᒋᔅᒑᔨᐦᑎᒥᐦᑯ ᐊᓂᔮᔨᐤ ᑳ ᐃᔑ ᐧᐊᐱᐦᑎᐦᒡ, ᐋ ᒌ ᒪᓯᐦᑎᒫᑎᐦᑯᒡ ᐊᓂᑎᐦ ᒫ ᒑᐅᐦᑯᐱᓈᐦ ᒥᒋᔫᓈᐦᑎᑯᐦᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᐋ ᒌ ᐅᐧᐊᔨᐦᐧᒑᒡ ᐊᓂᔮᔨᐤ ᐋ ᐧᐃᒫᐱᑎᓯᒥᑐᓈᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᑳᐱᐦᑯᐧᒑᑎᐦᑯᒡ ᐊᓂᔮᔨᐤ ᐄᔮᐱᒋᐦᒑᐅᐦᑯ ᐊᓅᐦᒡ ᑳᔑᑳᔨᒡ᙮

ᐅᑎᐦ ᒫᒃ ᐆ ᒫ ᐊᑎ ᐱᐳᐦᒡ, ᒫ ᐊᑎ ᐅᑎᐦᒋᐱᔨᒡ 50 ᒫ ᐊᐦᑐᐱᐳᐧᓈᔮᒡ ᐆ ᒋᒥᔅ ᐯᐃ ᐊᑎᒫᐲᔑᒻ ᑯᐯᒃ ᓂᔅᑯᒧᐧᐃᓐ ᑭᔅᑭᑎᓐ ᐲᓯᒻ 11 ᐊᐦᑐᒋᓯᐦᐧᑳᓯᒫᐦ 2025 ᐃᑎᔅᒑᒫᐦ ᐊᐱᐳᐦᒡ, ᐊᓂᒌ ᐧᐃᓂᐸᑯ ᓄᐦᒋᒥᐧᐃᔨᐤ ᐋᐦᓈᑎᒫᑐᒡ (ᐄᔨᔨᐤ ᐊᔅᒌᐦ) ᐄᔨᔨᐤ ᑎᐹᔨᐦᒋᒫᓯᐤ ᓂᑐᒫᐅᒡ ᒥᓯᐧᐊ ᐅᑎᐦ ᐊᔅᒌᐦᒡ ᐋᐦᒑᔨᒡ ᑭᔮᐦ ᒫᒃ ᒐᓂᑎᐦ ᒥᑯ ᐋᐦᒑᐄᐧᐋᐦᐧᑳᐦ ᒫ ᐧᐃᐸ ᒧᒋᒫᔨᐦᑎᒧᒥᐦᑯᒡ ᐅᑎᐦ ᐆᔮᔨᐤ ᐧᐊᑎᐦᒋᐱᔨᒡ ᐋ ᒋᔅᑎᒫᐅᐦᒡ ᐋ ᒋᔑᑳᒡ ᐊᓂᐦᐄ ᐅᒑᐦᒡ ᑳ ᐸᒋ ᐃᔅᐱᔨᒡ, ᐋ ᒎᒫᔨᐦᒑᑭᓂᐧᐃᒡ ᐋ ᒌ ᒧᐦᒋᑳᐱᐃᔨᐦᑯ ᐆ ᒋᔮᓂᐤ ᐋ ᒥᔅᑯᓯᔨᐦᑯ ᐋ ᐄᑎᔅᑳᓈᓯᔨᐦᑯ᙮

Message on the 49th anniversary of the signing of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement

The James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement was signed November 11, 1975. The year leading up to the historic signing consisted of some of the toughest negotiating in Cree history by some of our most revered leaders.

The signing of the Agreement-in-Principle on November 16, 1974, a year before the final signing of the JBNQA, effectively ended the dispute over the James Bay hydro-electric mega project which threatened our land and our traditional way of life. Defying all odds, an Indigenous group had successfully negotiated the recognition of Aboriginal rights leading to the first modern-day treaty in Canada. These negotiations were nothing short of historic, reshaping the future of our Nation and marking a turning point in the relationship between the Cree Nation and the governments of Canada and Quebec.

Demonstrating that we were not mere bystanders but rightful stewards and protectors of Eeyou Istchee, our leaders, with great vision and determination, worked tirelessly to ensure that our voices were heard and that our rights were recognized.

Marking this important milestone, we look back with pride on the strength and resilience of our past leaders, and we celebrate the enduring legacy of their efforts. This is a time for us to remember the path that brought us here and to honour their vision, fighting for our rightful place at the table and creating the partnerships and alliances we benefit from today.

Throughout the upcoming year, leading up to the 50th Anniversary of the JBNQA on November 11, 2025, the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government invites everyone across Eeyou Istchee and beyond to join us in commemorating these important dates in our history, celebrating our resilience as a strong Indigenous Nation.

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