



MRFA Stands in Solidarity with First Nations Opposing Bill 54

First Nations Rally Opposing Bill 54

Date & Time: Thursday, May 15, 2025, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Alberta Legislature Building, 9820 - 107 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2B6

First Nations leaders from Treaties No. 6, 7, and 8 are holding a peaceful demonstration on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the Alberta Legislature to oppose the separatist agenda promoted by the Alberta government.

This gathering comes in direct response to the recently introduced Bill 54: Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which significantly lowers the threshold for triggering a provincial referendum on separation. First Nations leaders have voiced firm opposition to this legislation, citing the lack of consultation and the deep implications it carries for treaty relationships and Indigenous sovereignty.

The Alberta Legislature Grounds hold historical significance: in 1877, several First Nations signed an adhesion to Treaty 6 on these very grounds.

The MRFA recognizes and respects the leadership being demonstrated by the Chiefs and community members in asserting their rights and responsibilities under Treaty.

Actions the MRFA is Taking:

- Monitoring developments surrounding Bill 54 and Alberta separatism (including the shift to an Alberta Pension Plan still under consideration)
- Reaffirming our commitment to the principles of reconciliation and respect for Treaty obligations.
- Sharing news of this peaceful demonstration with our membership and encouraging awareness and engagement.

We extend our solidarity to First Nations communities and express deep respect for their leadership, historical presence, and continued protection of treaty rights.

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