

RALLY IN HONOUR OF THE TREATIES—JANUARY 24th

Victoria Island to Parliament Hill, Ottawa*

On January 24th, 2012, First Nation leadership across the country will be meeting with the government of Canada. During this time, a Rally in Honour of the Treaties is being organized to provide an avenue for First Nation citizens to send a clear message to all Canadians that Treaty rights are alive and well and we support our First Nations leadership. (**Exact times will be announced, program to follow.*)

At this time, the Chiefs of Ontario office is planning a full day of activities to maximize participation for First Nation citizens. A detailed program will be sent out to the communities once the planning is complete. At this time, we are strongly encouraging Chiefs and Council to organize buses, vans and other transportation methods to bring citizens to Ottawa on January 24th, 2012. This event is confirmed to happen and we are encouraging all communities across Ontario to begin making plans to attend.

Please consider the following when planning to attend the rally in Ottawa:

- Brown bag lunches
- Water
- Warm clothes (mittens, hats, boots, winter jacket)
- Staff responsible to assist Elders and Youth
- Placards with key message around honour the Treaties (COO to provide list of key messages in the coming days)
- Community drum and singers

DAY OF ACTION (Across Ontario)

For those communities who are not in a position to organize busloads a day of action is also being planned. First Nation communities will be encouraged to plan and coordinate direct action activities at the community level.

In the coming days the Chiefs of Ontario will be sending out a package which includes a resource kit. This kit will assist communities in organizing community events. Some of the activities that could take place involve ceremonies, sacred fires, marches and rallies, community gatherings, etc. These activities should be peaceful assertions of our jurisdiction over our lands and territories in an effort to support our leadership at the meetings with the government of Canada.

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