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**AMC OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP IN BC ON
SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS UNDRIP IMPLEMENTATION**

Treaty One Territory, Manitoba _ Grand Chief Arlen Dumas congratulates the Chiefs of British Columbia and the BC provincial government on tabling legislation meant to legally implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP).

“This legislation is meant to provide a framework for the province to align its laws with the standards of the UN declaration — something First Nation people have long been advocating for in B.C. and across the country,” said **Grand Chief Arlen Dumas**. “We are happy for those that are being recognized in their traditional territories and raising the standards of living for their people.”

The bill will ensure all provincial laws are aligned with the declaration, often referred to as UNDRIP, which will require Indigenous Peoples are included in all decision-making that impacts their rights.

The declaration also requires ‘due recognition to indigenous peoples’ laws, traditions, customs and land tenure systems,’ which would therefore legally require the province to recognize First Nation legal systems that have been long ignored.

“This legislation has long been discussed among First Nation leaders as one way to improve government-to-government relations,” said **Grand Chief Dumas**. “The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs encourages the provincial government of Manitoba to follow suit.”

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About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 per cent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishininew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.