



May 28, 2018

Dear Member of Parliament:

As National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), I am honoured again to call on you to vote in support of Private Members Bill C-262, *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, which will soon receive third reading. We urge Members to ensure that vote takes place before Parliament adjourns for the summer break.

Call to Action #43, from the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' (TRC) final report, calls on the federal, provincial and territorial governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration). The AFN has adopted a resolution calling for the passage of this important Bill. In addition, UN human rights bodies have called on Canada to adopt a legislative framework to support meaningful implementation of the UN Declaration.

The passing of Bill C-262 would be a significant step in our reconciliation journey and we are lifted up by the tremendous support it has so far received by this Parliament.

Sincerely,

Perry Bellegarde
National Chief

c.c.: AFN Executive