

Sample Violence Free Community Declaration

Please note that the following is only a sample on which community members can elaborate on and alter to meet their own community views and needs.

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Whereas, the community of _____ First Nation does recognize the harmful effects of family violence and that it is an issue in the community; and

Whereas, family violence is a cycle that affects all members of the community; including women, men, children, Elders, and people with disabilities and it will take the whole community to work together to stop the cycle of violence; and

Whereas, family violence affects an individual's physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual parts of their very beings; and

Whereas, it is recognized that healing must start within the communities, from individuals, families, to the community as a whole, and that there is a need to support victims of abuse with trust and respect; and

Whereas, the leadership and the people of _____ First Nation do declare our commitment:

To work together to address the issue of family violence and the negative impacts on the community and to incorporate our cultures and values into community activities, programs, and events and to teach our children these same values and belief systems; and

To actively support all initiatives and activities that promote healthy families in order to achieve a healthier Nation; and

That the _____ First Nation is a caring community and will support efforts that promote health and wellness in the community; and

That the _____ First Nation will work towards having a violence free community, where violence will not be tolerated and every measure will be taken to protect each community member.

Signature _____ Date _____

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