

Statement EMRIP 13<sup>th</sup> session

I am a sixties scoop survivor of PineCreek First Nation Manitoba, Canada and thanks for the opportunity to speak on behalf of my Brothers and Sisters.

COV19 has affected both on reserve and urban Indigenous people to a great extent to those who are having issues with addiction, poverty, domestic violence and vulnerable people living with little respect and resources from Federal Government.

It has been Canada's deep dark secret for years on its mistreatment, genocide and abuse of power over Indigenous people.

My generation is the 3rd from Residential School and our Grandparents suffered abuses that have continued through generations of curses implemented by The Government. We are healing ourselves through addiction, loss of identity and language mostly loss of cultural traditions with facing discrimination and attacks from Federal Government to this day.

I am in contact with others on different reservations Up North and in Ontario most have been depending on self governing to care by hunting and fishing provided each other with needs.

The biggest issue is lack of accountability and actions to all the broken promises of Clean Water that most of us taken for granted.

COV19 has limited access for regular support and supplies needed and there are shortages of over priced products that are needed daily. In most reservations there isn't even Medical Doctors or stations to deal with emergencies never mind COV19.

Lockdown has also caused or multiples mental health issues as without the socializing some people have chosen suicide to escape these realities.

I am angry with decisions made by a Government to continue with this agenda of destruction on Indigenous people it has been long enough to continue to not support or be acceptable to use the Authority in a abusive way.

There are no official offices available to communicate only phone calls which aren't staffed properly. ICS and it's putting Children born during the last year or two without access to Treaty numbers for health services and others at risk who had treaty cards lost or stolen with replacement cards.

We are survivors from many things and will continue to support each other through these challenging times I ask the Assistance of UN to hold Canadian Government accountable for these issues

Gichi Miigwetch Great Thanks in Ojibway

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