

## A Rally in Honour of the Treaties Program

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Ottawa Locations

Victoria Island (7AM to 10AM) Parliament Hill (11AM to 2:30AM) Meeting Location (3PM to 4:30PM)

Key points for communities to consider when planning to attend the rally:

- Chiefs of Ontario will provide an information sheet for buses that will include maps, parking information and pick up information.
- Adhere to the principles of peace and friendship
- Develop key messages and placards around honour the Treaties (Chiefs of Ontario will develop key messaging page)
- Bring brown bag lunches
- Bring community drum and singers
- Bring community eagles staffs and flags
- Bring warm clothes, mittens, hats, and good walking shoes
- Stay tuned to the Chiefs of Ontario website for additional information at it becomes available. [www.chiefs-of-ontario.org](http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org)

**7:00 AM**

**Sunrise Ceremony and Invocation**

**Sacred fire will burn throughout the day in support of First Nation leadership**

**8:00AM to  
10:00AM**

**Ceremonies, Protocols, Education and Awareness:**

This time slot could be used to educate First Nations citizens on the following:

- Treaty and Aboriginal Rights – protection of our rights.
- The federal government's lack of action on this issue.
- Impacts of not honouring the Treaties.
- How this affects the day to day lives of First Nations citizens.

This could be facilitated through a series of panel discussions by First Nation leadership and academics. Also, we could have fact sheets on hand to distribute to citizens.

**10:00AM to  
11:00AM**

**March to Parliament Hill:**

Conduct a peaceful March to send the message to Canadians and the federal government that:

- Collectively we support Treaty Implementation.

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- Inform Canadians that we are distinct Nations who made Treaties.
  - Inform the government of Canada that First Nations Treaty rights must be respected.

**11:00AM to  
2:30PM**

**Parliament Hill**

A program will be developed that will consider the following:

- Speeches from grassroots leaders
- Entertainment from First Nations artists
- Round Dance
- Drumming

**2:30PM to  
3:00PM**

**March to Meeting Site:**

Conduct a peaceful March from Parliament Hill to the Meeting site (TBD).

- Collectively we support Treaty Implementation
- Inform Canadians that we are distinct Nations.
- Inform the government of Canada that First Nation Treaty rights must be respected.

**3:00PM to  
4:30PM**

**Final Demonstration at Meeting Site (TBD):**

A program will be developed with a series of Speakers:

- The Federal government needs to listen to our leadership.
  - The First Nations leadership in Ontario encourages the participation of First Nation citizens and communities in this rally in order to send a strong message to the federal and provincial governments that First Nations oppose assimilation and demand respect for Treaty rights!
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