SIKSIKA NATION TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

Cory Morgan Verdict Marks a Significant Step in Siksika Nation's Self-Determination and Sovereignty

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SIKSIKA 146, ALTA – Today marks a historic milestone for Siksika Nation in the advancement of our sovereignty, jurisdiction and self-governance.

For the first time in our Nation's history, our bylaws were tested in a court of law through our own Prosecutor's Office. While the court returned a verdict of not guilty, and although this was not the outcome we had hoped for, the significance of reaching this point cannot be understated.

We believe Siksika Nation is the first First Nation in Canada to prosecute its own laws in court through its own Prosecutor's Office. This represents an important step in reclaiming and exercising our inherent authority to govern ourselves, enforce our laws and manage affairs within our own territorial boundaries.

Despite today's verdict, the individual is no longer permitted to enter Siksika Nation reserve lands pursuant to the provisions of our Trespass Bylaw. That, in and of itself, is a

victory for our Nation and demonstrates the importance of developing and exercising our own laws to protect our people.

Siksika Nation has always welcomed those who enter our community with genuine intentions and respect for our people, culture and laws. However, unauthorized entry onto our lands and the misrepresentation of our Nation and its people are harmful and will not be welcomed. Our people have the right to feel safe, respected and secure within their own community, and we will continue to take lawful measures to protect those rights.

Additional bylaws are currently being developed, and Chief and Council will continue their efforts to strengthen our jurisdiction, protect our Nation and ensure the safety and well-being of our members.

The advancement of our jurisdiction will not be measured solely by the outcome of a single court case, but by our willingness and ability to exercise that jurisdiction. We respect the decision of the court and will use this experience to strengthen our laws, institutions and capacity to administer justice.

Sovereignty is not simply something we assert; it is something we must actively exercise. Today, Siksika Nation demonstrated its commitment to doing exactly that.

We are proud of the work that has brought us to this historic moment, and we remain committed to building a stronger, safer and more self-determining Nation for our people and future generations.