

## Bill 54

### Statement of Solidarity with First Nations and Their Treaty Rights

On behalf of our members, the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations (CAFA) pledges its resolute and unwavering support of First Nations leaders from Treaties No. 6, 7, and 8 in ensuring that the Alberta government honours and adheres to the agreements held in the treaties.

CAFA acknowledges that the First Nation rights enshrined in Treaties 6, 7 and 8 are currently under threat due to a proposed government bill designed to make it easier to hold a referendum on separation.

We further acknowledge that these Treaty Agreements were made between each First Nation and the federal Crown in 1876, 1877, and 1899 all predating the 1905 establishment of Alberta as a province by almost three decades.

CAFA represents more than 2,400 academic faculty from Athabasca University, MacEwan University, Mount Royal University, and University of Lethbridge. We recognize that we are all treaty people and have a responsibility to uphold those obligations.