



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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HESQUIAHT
HUPACASATH

HUU-AY-AHT
KA:YU:K'T'H'/CHE:K:TLES7ET'H'
MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT
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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Nuu-chah-nulth statement in the aftermath of the shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand

(Port Alberni, B.C.) Waking up this morning to horrific news from Aotearoa/New Zealand has everyone shocked at such violence in sacred places - the mosques and the incredible loss of 49 precious lives. The news is staggering in its immensity of attack on humanity. Nuuchahnulth are stunned at this happening and condemn these acts of violence.

The Nuuchahnulth Nation share in the sorrow and grief of people in Aotearoa/New Zealand and all families and friends of those people wherever they may live. The Nuuchahnulth send our prayers, strength and love to those in mourning and share their grief. The Nuuchahnulth know of violence and loss and send our support to the families, friends, and communities of those whose lives were lost.

The Nuuchahnulth also send prayers to those who were injured in this attack for a speedy recovery.

We hope those that have carried out this attack are caught and punished to the fullest extent of the law; this would be a step towards justice. We know this will bring some comfort to the families who lost someone - but there is so much more to do to prevent these types of attacks, including eradication of hatred and racism.

The Nuuchahnulth stand with all others who are decrying this violence in places where people must be safe and protected from such attacks. We must all work together to stop this kind of senseless shooting and take actions to prevent further attacks by taking whatever actions that can stop these kinds of incidents in the future.

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The **Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC)** provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent fourteen First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the North to Point-no-Point in the south. Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehatesaht, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Kyuquot/Cheklesah, Mowachah/Muchalah, Nuchatlah, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tsesah, Uchucklesah and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them. For more information, please visit www.nuuchahnulth.org.