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To: All Departments, Programs, and Entities

From: Language & Culture Executive Director, Janelle Crane-Starlight

CC: CEO, Jerry Simon
Gunáhà Director, Hanna Big Crow
Human Resources Director, Noreen Chaboyer

Re: Nationwide Mandate for Tsúut'ínà Language Throughout Administration

The letter outlines the importance of preserving and integrating the Tsúut'ínà language (Gunáhà) as part of a Nationwide Mandate, "Tsúut'ínà Language Throughout Administration." The goal is to increase Tsúut'ínà language use in everyday administrative activities to enhance cultural engagement and language revival. Administrative staff are called to actively participate in this initiative by incorporating Tsúut'ínà into various aspects of their daily work, such as conversations, meetings, presentations, media, and prayers. The letter emphasizes the importance of this collective effort for the success of the mandate and expresses gratitude for the staff's support.

Plan for Administration Staff:

1. Language Integration:

- Encourage staff to use Tsúut'ínà language in daily interactions, including greetings, informal conversations, and formal meetings.
- Start by integrating common phrases, expressions, and greetings into everyday practices.

2. Integrating Tsúut'ínà in Meetings and Presentations:

- Set a goal for at least one Tsúut'ínà phrase or expression to be used during every meeting or presentation.
- Provide language resources (e.g., glossary, common phrases) to staff for easy reference.

3. Training and Support:

- Organize language workshops or training sessions for staff to improve their proficiency in the Tsúut'ínà language.
- Offer language learning resources, such as apps or printed materials, to encourage independent study.

4. Cultural Activities:

- Integrate the Tsúut'ínà language into prayers, and special events held within the administration.
- Encourage the use of Tsuut'ina in presentations, cultural events, and ceremonies, with respect and authenticity.



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5. Create an Immersive Environment:

- Display Tsúut'ínà language posters and resources in administrative spaces to create a language-rich environment.
- Use media (emails, newsletters, digital signage) to promote the Tsúut'ínà language, such as including short phrases in communications.

By following this plan, administrative staff will play a key role in integrating the Tsúut'ínà language into daily life, supporting its preservation and growth throughout the Nation. Dásiyàsgaas (Thank you) to staff who have been contributing to your language growth this far, your language learning doesn't go unnoticed.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at janellecrane@tsuutina.com or **403-238-6402**.

Siyìsgaas,

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