



**JERRY DANIELS**

FOR GRAND CHIEF OF THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATION

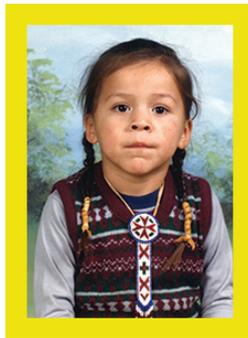
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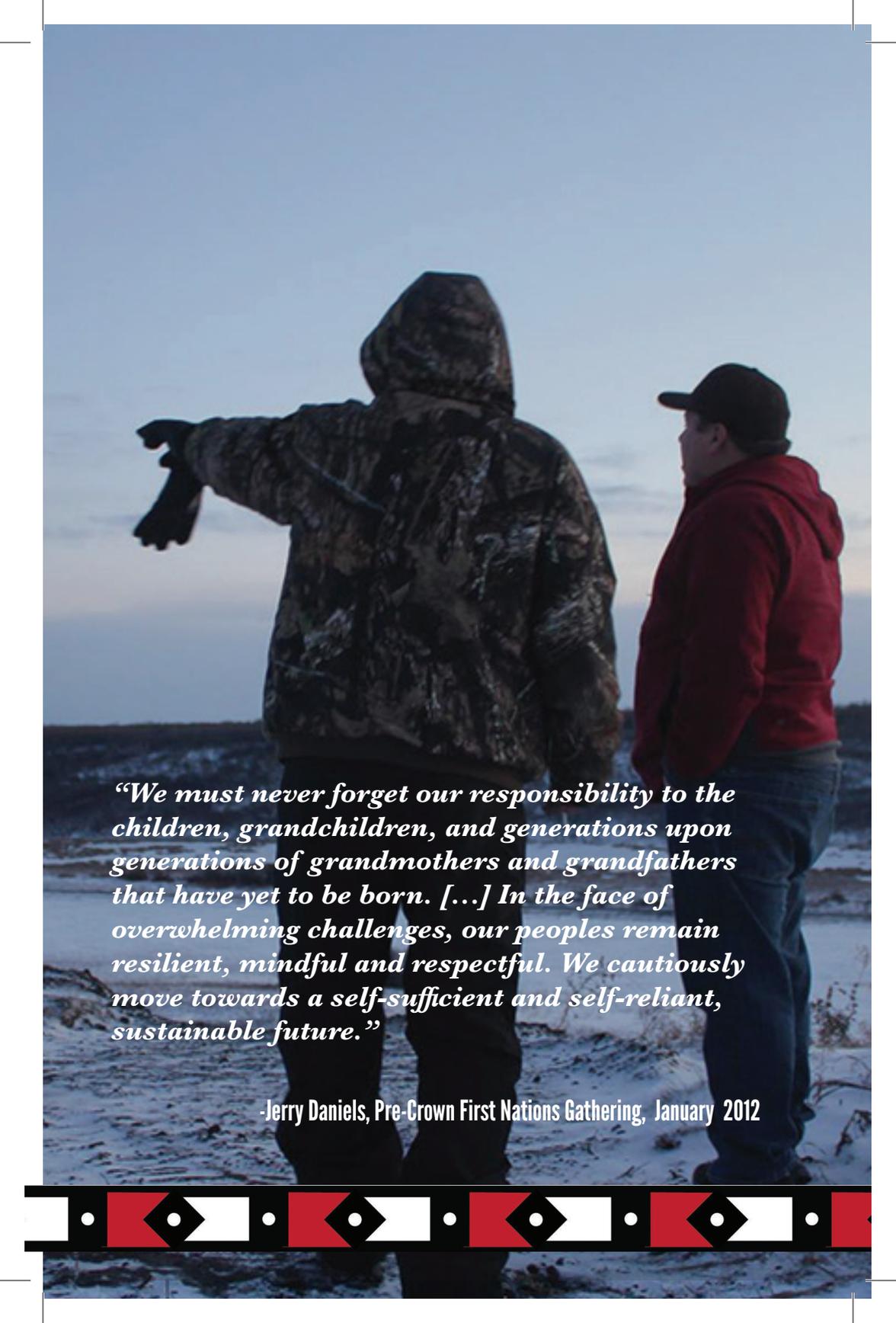
**VOTE FOR JERRY DANIELS JANUARY 11, 2017**

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I am a proud member of Long Plain First Nation, Treaty One. I work every day to enhance the values of our culture, language and traditions. My strength comes from formative years I spent in Long Plain First Nation where I was raised by my grandparents Isabel and Donald Daniels, along with my aunties, uncles and community members. They instilled in me a strong desire for self-determination that I carry with me in all that I do. We must be the answers that we are looking for.

The late Gladys Cook once said to me, “People can take everything away from you, but they will never take away your education.” This fostered in me a focus on education, I graduated from the University of Manitoba in economics which I have put to good use. I helped establish a successful First Nations Urban Economic Project and I am now an independent business owner of Innovative Technologies. In addition, I have served on numerous boards and councils at the local, regional, and national levels. Through these experiences I have developed insight to understanding the challenges, needs and interests of our SCO communities. As your next SCO Grand Chief, you will see tangible results that bring us to the forefront of progress.





*“We must never forget our responsibility to the children, grandchildren, and generations upon generations of grandmothers and grandfathers that have yet to be born. [...] In the face of overwhelming challenges, our peoples remain resilient, mindful and respectful. We cautiously move towards a self-sufficient and self-reliant, sustainable future.”*

-Jerry Daniels, Pre-Crown First Nations Gathering, January 2012





## **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

In our pursuit of a self-reliant future we must build on our existing economic development strategies and not re-invent the wheel. We will lead in the area of Urban Indigenous Economic Development Zones. I will assist communities in identifying specific economic opportunities. We will vigorously advocate for SCO communities' fair share of Infrastructure Investments. We must support and advocate for policy that streamlines the TLE process.

*As Grand Chief, I will champion First Nations Economic Development Zones with Winnipeg, Brandon and the Province of Manitoba. This will help all of our communities as we will be given priority for business development within this zone. This would help expedite those communities looking to develop with their TLE.*

## **SUPPORTIVE LEADERSHIP MODEL**

The demands on community leadership will continue to grow. During my outreach many leaders asked "How does SCO help our communities?" My answer is simply that we need to ensure our communities are capitalizing on all opportunities. Specifically, there is a growing need for proposal writing, data collection and analysis that assists First Nations leadership and their priority projects.

*As Grand Chief, within the first year of my mandate, SCO will develop a core team to identify opportunities for communities, provide analysis and proposal writing services to ensure that as many opportunities as possible are realized.*

## BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

While we experience the intergenerational residential School experience and impacts of Sixties Scoop in historical terms, we live in an age where child apprehension from our communities is worse than ever. We must continue to support these efforts and our families. We must also work to identify and support innovative techniques and strategies that keep our children in their communities and to bring those not in the communities back home.



*As Grand Chief, I will make keeping children with their families and in their communities an absolute priority. There is nothing more important to the future of our families health than keeping our families and communities together. Pre-apprehension supports and funding for wraparound family supports are critical in charting a new path.*

## FLOOD PROTECTION & WATER MANAGEMENT

For too long our communities have been victimized by governments making water management decisions that ignore our inherent water rights. The lack of planning resulted in displacement which is now becoming a sense of hopelessness in our people's lives. Those who have been involved in the water management issue understand that the Province of Manitoba knew over 10 years in advance that flood protection was an essential priority area.

*As Grand Chief, I will advocate for a long term flood protection plan and water management system. In addition we will promote mentorship driven youth support models to alleviate the sense of hopelessness felt by many of our displaced people's*

## HUNTING & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Our Nations are losing our ability to manage our food sovereignty as Provincial Governments impose rules and restrictions against our sovereign right to hunt. We will no longer have our voices on this issue go unheard. The ability to hunt, live off the land, provide for our families and eat our traditional foods is paramount to having healthy communities.

*As Grand Chief, I will work to establish a First Nations Hunting Association that will give voice to our hunters. We will become coordinated and organized in our voice and message on this issue.*

*“Our real objective - is to shatter Canadian's imaginations about us and replace it with a new understanding of indigenous reality.”*

**-JERRY DANIELS, WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, DECEMBER 22, 2012**

## INNOVATIVE EDUCATION

I believe in order to have success in our future generations we must educate to preserve and revitalize our language and culture. We must also educate in new technologies as we move to a digital world. The very recent December 21, 2016 decision by the CRTC to declare that high speed internet a 'basic service' for all will also allow SCO to advocate for high speed internet (urban internet speed) access in all of our communities. Many First Nations are charting their own unique path like the recent signing to the MFNERC school board but we must be focused not only on outcomes but curriculum relevancy.

*As Grand Chief, SCO will champion a curriculum with Land based, Language & Cultural education components to give our future generations a stronger connection to their identity. SCO will also support innovative use of technology in our schools to prepare our children for the future.*

## INFRASTRUCTURE & ROADS

Both Federal and Provincial governments, of all stripes and colors, have pushed infrastructure investment and deficit investment in infrastructure as a means of economic stimulus. This has been very successful in creating jobs and economies in non-indigenous and Urban communities. Now is the time for those same investments and strategies to be applied to our First Nations communities. There is a tremendous infrastructure deficit in roads, dikes, drainage and public service systems in our communities. The time is now for those major investments.

*As Grand Chief, I will work with our Provincial & Federal counterparts in developing an infrastructure strategy that will make employment and financial stimulus to the communities its priority. This critical path will start with SCO demanding both levels of government come to the table in building all season road networks to connect our communities that are currently isolated. It is imperative that these projects utilize SCO communities, companies, and employees in the completion of these projects.*



*“For as long as the Sun shines,  
the Grass grows and the  
Rivers flow”*

