

Aboriginal Community
Career Employment
Services Society
Aboriginal Front Door
Society
Aboriginal Mother Center
Society
Canadian Aboriginal AIDS
Network
Circle of Eagles Lodge
Society
Federation of Aboriginal
Foster Parents
Fraser Region Aboriginal
Friendship Centre
Helping Spirit Lodge
Kaya
Kikenow Native Housing
Society
Lu'ma Native Housing
Society
Native Education College
Nisga'a Ts'amiks
Vancouver Society
Pacific Association of First
Nations Women
Spirit of the Children
Society
Urban Native Youth
Association
Vancouver Aboriginal
Child & Family Services
Society
Vancouver Aboriginal
Community Policing
Centre
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Transformative Justice
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Bill C-262: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

Sponsor	Romeo Saganash, NDP Introduced as a private member's bill.
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Status	Introduced, as of April 21, 2016
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Summary	This enactment requires the Government of Canada to take all measures necessary to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
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The Prime Minister has stated in his mandate letters that no relationship is more important to him than that with Indigenous peoples. My bill is a unique opportunity for Canada to move towards a true nation-to-nation relationship. I hope that all MPs will support this bill.

I hear talk of reconciliation and a new nation-to-nation relationship in this country in the words spoken by the government. With my Bill, I am proposing non-partisan cooperative, concrete action to back up those words. As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission said: the UN Declaration is the framework for reconciliation.

- MP Romeo Saganash,

The Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC), partners, and allies stand in solidarity with non-partisan Bill C-262. MVAEC views support of Bill C-262 as an opportunity to advance the rights of the urban Aboriginal population in the Metro Vancouver region. First Nations administrations on-reserve are not responsible for housing the urban Aboriginal population. In British Columbia 65% of Aboriginal people live off-reserve. Aboriginal people in Vancouver comprise 2% of the population, yet 31% of homeless individuals identify as Aboriginal. The average total household income for Aboriginal people is almost \$14,500 less than the Metro Vancouver average. MVAEC not only sees this data as representing quality of life gaps, but also inequities in justice affecting the lived experience of a vulnerable population who has yet to see reconciliation materialize in their lives. Let's make reconciliation a reality for everyone. Please forward this letter to your local Member of Parliament (MP) to encourage them to support Bill C-262.

Bill C-262 Petition Link: <http://www.adoptandimplement.com/petition>