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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **BC REGIONAL CHIEF TERRY TEEGEE PROVIDES COMMENDATION FOR THE EXONERATION OF Tsilhqot'in WAR CHIEFS**

*(Lheidli T'enneh Territory, Prince George – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018)* – Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made a statement in the House of Commons and apologized for the unjust execution of six Tsilhqot'in chiefs that were wrongfully hanged in 1864. The chiefs were hung following a confrontation with settler road builders who had entered Tsilhqot'in territory without consent during the Tsilhqot'in War of 1864.

The BCAFN extends our commendation and congratulations to the Tsilhqot'in in succeeding to have the Government of Canada exonerate the six chiefs wrongfully hung by the government of the day. The Tsilhqot'in resiliency and persistency to seek justice for their people demonstrates an unwavering dedication to seek justice where it has been absent.

Today's long overdue words expressed by Prime Minister Trudeau reflect that there is no reconciliation without justice and this is one step in the journey of reconciliation. BCAFN continues to call on the Federal Government to turn these words of reconciliation into action.

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