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STATEMENT FROM CONGRESS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES
NATIONAL CHIEF RE: FEDERAL ELECTION 2021

(OTTAWA, ON. AUG. 16, 2021) On Sunday August 15th, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asked Governor General Mary Simon to dissolve the 43rd Parliament and launch a Federal Election with an election day on September 20th, 2021. The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is calling on all parties to voice their platforms for Canada's Indigenous population ahead of the 44th general election.

“This country has over 1.6 million Indigenous People. The influence our people have in determining who will lead this country cannot be understated.” Said CAP National Chief Elmer St. Pierre. “Time and time again we have heard from potential candidates their commitment to solving issues that only the Indigenous population are subject to in this country, only to have it followed up with platitudes and grandstanding. That time is over. It is time for this country to elect a leader that will work with our Indigenous communities to remove the barriers that keep our communities and people in third world conditions. It is time to elect a leader that will follow through with Implementation of their campaign pledges, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the [Daniels Decision](#).

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples has set up an [Election Hub](#) for the 44th General Election. On this page, on a daily basis, CAP will compile candidate information, platform pledges, relevant digital media excerpts as well as educational pieces about the important pieces of legislation that CAP is working on with our Federal counterparts.

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The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is the federally recognized National Indigenous Organization that represents off-reserve status and non-status Indians, Metis and Southern Inuit Aboriginal Peoples. Over 80% of Indigenous people in Canada live off-reserve.

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