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## Call to Action to Improve Access to Nutritious Food in Eeyou Istchee

**In Eeyou Istchee**, a large number of people live in food insecurity or are affected by diabetes. Moreover, availability of basic nutritious foods is limited and the cost of food is higher than in other regions of Quebec. To address these issues, the CBHSSJB and the Cree Nation Government have developed the Framework for Action to Improve Access to Nutritious Food in Eeyou Istchee. On January 24th, 2017, the Cree Nation Government adopted the Framework and committed to it through a resolution, and issued the following Call to Action:

Since the contribution of multiple stakeholders is essential to improve availability and affordability of nutritious food for the families, the CNG and CBHSSJB hereby call upon:

- Their own departments, boards, councils, committees, working groups and employees to be models for other entities and lead by example, by promoting health and improving access to affordable nutritious foods in all their meetings, conferences, activities and interventions;

- The local Bands, the development corporations, the local and regional businesses and associations, the Cree School Board and the schools, the daycares, and all other Cree entities to join forces and take immediate action to promote health and improve access to affordable nutritious food in their own sectors of intervention and activities;

- The suppliers and transportation companies to support and enhance the improvement of access to affordable nutritious food in Eeyou Istchee and ensure quality of food, from supply to distribution;

- The community members and their various local wellness committees to be actively involved in the improvement of their community food environment, to ensure availability of affordable nutritious food for all.

For more information visit www.creehealth.org/accessnutritiousfoods

For the health of our people,

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