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**ERMINESKIN CREE NATION  
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## **CHIEF RANDY ERMINESKIN – TAKES OATH OF OFFICE**

Ermineskin Cree Nation (Alberta) –Randy Ermineskin will be sworn into the office of Chief of the Ermineskin Cree Nation by distinguished and honorable Elders (October 1, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Ermineskin Reserve –Neyaskweyahk Okimaw Kamik north of Ermineskin Mall). He was elected to a three (3) year term (2020-2023) on August 12, 2020. He also served as a Chief between 2014-2017 and was first elected to the Ermineskin Council in 2001.

Randy Ermineskin served as the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations from 2016-2017, representing fifteen (15) First Nations in advocating, protecting and enhancing the aboriginal and treaty rights of its members at the international, national, provincial and local levels of government.

Randy Ermineskin earned a Bachelor Degree in Education from University of Alberta in 1991 and a Masters Degree in Leadership and Administration from Gonzaga University in 2007. He has worked as a professional education consultant and professor, teaching and advising Colleges and School Boards in such areas as strategic planning, administration and designing & implementing indigenous curriculum and programming. He has also worked in developing strategies and policies to deal with and reduce gang activity.

Randy Ermineskin has served the Ermineskin Cree Nation in numerous capacities. As an athlete, he completed in a variety of sports and was one of the first indigenous hockey players to play junior and semi-professional hockey from the Maskwacis area. For over twenty-five years, he has committed a great deal in his time to coaching. He has always tried to motivate youth and others to be involved in sports and to follow a wellness lifestyle.

Chief Randy Ermineskin stated: “I am truly humbled by all of the support and trust bestowed upon me again by my Nation. I am very much looking forward to working with the Council, to build upon the progress and success we have already created and achieved and to make the Ermineskin Cree Nation a place all of our members can be proud of”.

In addition, Chief Ermineskin said “the vast majority of our members are under the age of twenty-eight (28). As our young members face an increasing complex and competitive modern world, we as a First Nation must ensure that we have the people necessary with the proper education and skills to compete effectively and succeed. We must also continue to build and provide a strong economic environment that we can employ as many members as possible with meaningful work”.

Ermineskin Cree Nation is part of the Maskwacis Cree Nation, which is in the Treaty No. 6 Territory, approximately 70 kilometres south of the City of Edmonton.

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