



MEN STANDING UP...AND SITTING DOWN **A Pledge for Fatherhood and Male Responsibility**



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As a father and/or man of responsibility I recognize that my example as a man will have an incredible impact on the lives of my children and other children in the community. Therefore, today I pledge that I will attempt to fulfill this role in a manner that ultimately benefits all children committing to the following principles:

- Be a man that teaches children the value of being true to their word and reflects this value in his interactions with his children and all his relations.
- Assumes a sense of responsibility and connectedness to his children and family by providing for them physically, financially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually to the best of his ability.
- Rejects any form of abuse: physical, emotional, mental or spiritual to himself or others.
- Takes responsibility for nurturing the gifts and talents of his children and other children in the community.
- By example and by leadership, will teach that strength and manhood are not defined by violence or domination but through caring, introspection and responsibility.
- Will demonstrate how to speak out against injustice and oppression even when it is more comfortable to be silent.
- Takes time to reflect, pray, and include ceremony in his life to show his children that they are never alone and are connected to their ancestors and a Creative source.
- Demonstrates sensitivity and understanding to create comfort in his children to be able to seek counsel in planning for their future or to remedy past misjudgment.
- Is like a mirror, reflecting support and clarity to his and other children guiding and protecting them with love and dignity.
- Will contribute to creating a community that does not tolerate family or community violence.
- Commits that he will not justify the use of emotional, sexual, physical, or economic abuse against an intimate partner or any member of his family or community.
- Demonstrates to his children that self-betterment does not mean taking advantage of others as a means to attaining resources.
- Lives these values honestly, and with love so that his children and other children in the community understand that they are cherished, valued, and seen as blessings to their father, family and community.

By signing this pledge, I commit that I will work each day to fulfill the actions of these principles and will seek to build or maintain myself as a man who understands the honor of being a FATHER and Man of Responsibility.

Signed: _____
Pledge of Father

Date: _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Email _____

Please send signed pledge forms via email or mail to:

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