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The bear is highly respected by Indigenous peoples across Canada. Its physical strength and the ferocity with which it protects its young make it a natural symbol of courage. In the Seven Teachings, courage is represented by the bear. The bear's head on the cover and throughout this document is intended to inspire courageous conversations, and the circles within represent harmony between the four races of humanity.