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YOUTH LEADERS TO MEET UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR

THUNDER BAY: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, on behalf of the NAN Executive Council, expressed support for First Nation youth leaders who will meet with United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples James Anaya in Ottawa today.

“I am pleased to support these courageous young leaders for the outstanding work they are doing to strengthen our communities and improve the lives of our young people by bringing their concerns all the way to the United Nations and the international community,” said Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler. “I am confident that Mr. Anaya will be as impressed as we are with the passion and determination of these young people who are taking a leading role in overcoming the challenges facing our youth to help build a better future for our people.”

Julaine Trudeau of Muskrat Dam First Nation, Kathryn Morris of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, and Samantha Crowe and Uko Abara of Thunder Bay will outline to the Special Rapporteur the issues and solutions developed at Feathers of Hope Forum held earlier this year in Thunder Bay.

Coordinated by the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth, the week-long forum brought together youth delegates from 91 First Nation communities in Northern Ontario to discuss issues affecting their communities, make recommendations and develop an action-oriented plan to address those issues. A report is tentatively scheduled for release next month.

For more information please visit www.provincialadvocate.on.ca/foh

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario in Canada.

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