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NAN STATEMENT OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF CHIEF ROBERT KELLY

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy offered condolences today on behalf of the NAN Executive Council on the tragic passing of Chief Robert Kelly of the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation:

> We were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden and tragic passing of Chief Kelly, who's life of leadership was an inspiration to not only to his people but also to First Nation leaders across Ontario.
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> Chief Kelly was a respected leader, and is fondly remembered for his wisdom, dedication and compassion and the countless contributions he has made to his community. We pray his spirit lives on in his people, and especially in the next generation of First Nation leaders.
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> We are honoured to extend our thoughts and prayers to Chief Kelly's wife and family, his niece Ogichidaakwe Diane Kelly of Treaty #3, Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council, and the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation for their great loss.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities within James Bay Treaty 9 and Treaty 5 territory – an area covering two-thirds of the province of Ontario.

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