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NEWS STATEMENT

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NAN'S STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CANADA'S NEWEST GOVERNOR GENERAL

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy issued this statement following the announcement that David L. Johnston will succeed the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean as Governor General of Canada.

“We would like to congratulate Mr. Johnston for the honour of representing the Crown in Canada however we had hoped to see the newest Governor General of Canada of Aboriginal descent. Aboriginal people play a significant role in the future direction of this country as we are the most rapidly growing population. We are the original inhabitants and are ready to be considered to represent Her Majesty the Queen,” said NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy.

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

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