



**Nishnawbe Aski Nation**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **NAN APPLAUDS FUNDING FOR GIRL POWER WOLF SPIRIT WARRIOR PROGRAM**

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy is applauding today's announcement by the Ontario Ministry of Health to provide funding for NAN's Girl Power Wolf Spirit Warrior Program.

“The Girl Power Wolf Spirit Warrior Program plays an essential role in helping to develop life skills among our youth,” said NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy. “Many challenges face NAN young people such as the suicide rate which is seven times the national average and the high number of children in foster care – both of which are directly related to the 60's scoop and the residential school era. This program helps to increase self-esteem, foster healthy relationships, enhance leadership and promote overall healthier lifestyle choices. I'm pleased that government has recognized its importance.”

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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