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NAN STATEMENT ON PASSING OF NDP LEADER JACK LAYTON

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy, on behalf of the NAN Executive Council, released the following statement today regarding the passing away of Canada's New Democratic Party (NDP) Leader Jack Layton.

“We were shocked and saddened to hear the news that NDP Leader Jack Layton had passed away, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family. As a politician, Jack was looked at as a friend to the people of Nishnawbe Aski. He was a strong leader that understood the social struggles facing First Nations. He understood our aspirations to create a stronger and more economically-sound future for our children. Jack will be greatly missed,” said NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy.

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.

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