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### NAN STATEMENT ON AFN ELECTION

**WINNIPEG, MB:** Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Harvey Yesno, on behalf of the Executive Council, congratulates Perry Bellegarde on his election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) by First Nation leaders during the AFN Special Chief Assembly in Winnipeg today:

“On behalf of NAN First Nations I congratulate Perry Bellegarde on his election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. As regional Chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, Perry Bellegarde has demonstrated his ability to build consensus among First Nation leadership and we look forward to working with him to strengthen the role of the AFN. I am confident that Perry Bellegarde will be a strong advocate for First Nations as our national representative and we look forward to working with him to establish a new and productive relationship with our federal Treaty partner.”

NAN also thanks Ghislain Picard, the assembly’s interim leader, and Leon Jourdain, former Chief of Lac La Croix First Nation in Ontario.

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