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AMC statement demanding immediate action to address accountability in the RCMP

Treaty One Territory, Manitoba – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Grand Chief Arlen Dumas is today issuing the following statement on the need for immediate action to address accountability in the RCMP. With the release this past weekend of video evidence at Chief Allan Adam's press conference, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs further emboldens its previous support of Chief Adam, his family, and the Athabasca Chipewyan of Treaty 8.

Grand Chief Dumas stated, "This type of procedural manipulation to deny wrongdoing and avoid police accountability dehumanizes our people which, in turn, veil the predation and victimization of our women. An alleged expired vehicle insurance and license, as described by Chief Adam, should never be met with physical assault by law enforcement agencies when all that is needed is a simple fine and warning."

Grand Chief Dumas added, "The role of the RCMP is to protect and serve; therefore there should be zero tolerance for the type of behaviour exhibited by the RCMP officers in this situation, and in numerous other situations across the country. It is time for all police to be equipped with body cameras to ensure accountability and that victims of police brutality have advocacy."

In light of Chief Adam's press conference and in line with the federal government's recent statements on this matter, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demands that:

- The RCMP drop the charges against Chief Adam;
- The RCMP video evidence is released immediately, and
- The officers involved in this assault are fired.

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About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12



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per cent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Inineu (Cree), Anishininew (Ojibwe- Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate