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Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls for an extension of the moratorium on rent increases and evictions

Treaty One Territory, Manitoba – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is issuing this statement calling on the provincial government to extend the moratorium on rental rates and evictions for Manitoba that was issued under the emergency measures Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratorium came to an end September 30th, and tenants are now responsible for rent increases and subject to eviction. The AMC stands with the NDP Housing Critic in her call for extending the moratorium.

“It is unconscionable that the Pallister government would end the moratorium on rent increases and evictions, especially as the pandemic has accelerated in this province and the winter season is nearly upon us,” stated Grand Chief Arlen Dumas of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

“First Nations tenants will be some of the most impacted people by the lifting of this moratorium, as the full implications and effects of this ruling are felt in the next few weeks during an uncertain phase and dangerous second wave of the pandemic. The AMC Secretariat has received numerous calls at our offices from our people who extremely concerned about the end of the moratorium amidst the second wave of the coronavirus. On behalf of the Assembly and the First Nations citizens who will be most impacted by this decision, I am calling on Premier Pallister to immediately extend the moratorium,” concluded Grand Chief Dumas.

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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 percent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.