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## **The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Stands in Solidarity with all First Nations on the October 9, 2020 Day of Action**

**Treaty One Territory, Winnipeg, MB** – October 9, 2020, is a designated Day of Action against colonial oppression and violence that continues to be inflicted on First Nations. On this Day of Action, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) stands in support of all First Nations across Turtle Island who continue the ongoing resistance against colonial oppression and encroachment on our lands and sovereignty.

AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas says, “On this Day of Action, October 9, 2020, the AMC stands in solidarity with all First Nations in a common struggle against colonial violence and unjust police action. We stand in solidarity with: the Haudenosaunee at Caledonia in the territory of the Six Nations of the Grand River in their struggle against further encroachment and unauthorized development on their lands; the Mi'kmaw asserting Treaty Rights to fish & earn a livelihood; the Secwepemc Tiny House Warriors opposing man camps and the Trans Mountain pipeline on their unceded lands, the Wet'suwet'en defending their unceded lands from Coastal Gaslink, the Algonquins enforcing their sport moose hunting Moratorium; and the Wolastoquey asserting land title in New Brunswick. In our Treaty territories, First Nations in Manitoba continue to seek justice and to fight against unjust and immoral provincial legislation that tramples on our inherent and Treaty rights. I stand with the elected leadership, with the hereditary leadership and with the grassroots warriors in their fight for land back, for autonomy and for respect for treaty rights. The AMC supports and works with all First Nations across these lands and with the grassroots peoples, including all land defenders and water protectors. I encourage all First Nations and allies to support the resistance and these movements by contributing to their legal defense funds.”

### **STATEMENT FROM ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS ON THE DAY OF ACTION**

*From 1492 Landback: “Indigenous Peoples and Land Defenders across Turtle Island will stand together and amplify our collective resistance to colonial oppression. This day of action is about land back everywhere, continuing a tradition of national days of action in support of Indigenous sovereignty. We are calling for a diversity of tactics coming from the diverse communities from which our support comes.*

*The colonial state and their police continue to try to divide and conquer the Peoples of Turtle Island. While we resist colonial violence in its many forms everyday, on October 9th we will again reclaim colonized spaces and disrupt colonial infrastructure. Together, we will send a message to political leaders, the courts and police – their roads and rails and so-called economic development have*

*extracted the health and well-being from our communities for long enough. Now is the time to fight back. On October 9th we will be appearing in their court to defend ourselves against their injunction. We are calling for autonomous solidarity actions from communities of resistance across Turtle Island.”*

<https://www.facebook.com/1492LandBackLane/posts/october-9-day-of-action-on-october-9-we-are-calling-our-allies-and-supporters-to/120782726433178/>

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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), Anishininew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.