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## **AMC offers support and condolences to Chief Eric Redhead and Shamattawa First Nation leadership regarding the rash of suicide attempts**

**Treaty One Territory, Manitoba** – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) offers support and calls on further supports for Shamattawa First Nation following a rash of suicide attempts. This has since led the First Nation to declare a state of emergency effective today.

AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas offered, “This is heavy hearted news. This is devastating information to learn of and it is with my fullest support that I stand with the Nation, Chief Redhead and his leadership in declaring this state of emergency. I offer my prayers to all community members dealing with this amidst a global pandemic.”

“AMC is committed to supporting Shamattawa and all First Nations in any way possible. We are all struggling in these most unprecedented times and we must acknowledge and remember that our mental health is of top priority. To that end, we call upon the federal and provincial governments to help with this statement of emergency that has been called by Shamattawa and flow the necessary resources to First Nations so that they may develop community intervention plans to deal with pandemic related stress and the deterioration of mental health of their citizens. No one should be made to feel like they are alone. We are all in this together,” concluded AMC Grand Chief Arlen 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 / Inineew (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.