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AMC 2021 Remembrance Day Statement

Treaty One Territory, Manitoba – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) issues this statement to mark tomorrow’s Remembrance Day 2021. As well as honouring all who made sacrifices and gave their lives for Canada during wars, peace keeping missions, and conflicts around the world, the AMC salutes all current active members of the Canadian Armed Forces for their support to First Nations during the COVID-19 pandemic and for their assistance to First Nations in other emergency management situations.

Grand Chief Arlen Dumas said, “On Remembrance Day 2021, on behalf of our member First Nations in Manitoba and all their citizens, we honour and pay tribute to all the fallen warriors, all those who were wounded during service, and all veterans who continue to suffer with the lingering mental and emotional effects of battle. You have demonstrated courage and sacrifice in defending Canada’s freedoms and contributing to peace around the world, while providing services domestically and to First Nations in this country, and we continue to be grateful.”

“As part of Veterans’ Week, we remembered and honoured our First Nations veterans on November 8,” said Grand Chief Dumas; “and now on the 11th month, on the 11th day and on the 11th hour, we honour and remember all their comrades and all the armed forces members they fought alongside in the two World Wars, the Korean Conflict and in the Afghanistan Mission. First Nations offer their gratitude for your service to peace and thank Veterans Affairs Canada for working towards a lasting justice for the First Nations veterans who served and who were not recognized or respected for their service when they returned home.”

“On this Remembrance Day we reflect on and acknowledge the freedoms that we enjoy on Turtle Island; these freedoms that were fought for by all veterans past and present. We reflect on your sacrifices, and remember those who did not make it home. Lest we forget,” 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 / Inineu (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.