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### **AMC and AFN Responds to the Passing of Queen Elizabeth II**

**Treaty One Territory, Manitoba** – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief offer condolences in response to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty recently celebrated her Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years as Queen, and was 96 years old.

The AMC and AFN send prayers to the Royal Family as they grieve the loss of Her Majesty and acknowledge the former Prince Charles as the new King. We look forward to His Majesty upholding and honouring the Treaties of this territory and send him our sincere condolences as he grieves the passing of his mother, the Queen.

"We are saddened to hear the news from Buckingham Palace regarding the death of Her Majesty the Queen," says Deputy Grand Chief Cornell McLean, "First Nations people have a special nation-to-nation relationship with the Crown. We are two sovereign nations who come together to honour the treaties between us, and we look forward to working with the new King as treaty partners. We join many others across our Treaty lands and traditional territories in sharing condolences about Her Majesty's death. The Royal Family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time."

"I am very saddened to learn of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and I express my deepest condolences to the Royal Family," AFN Regional Chief Cindy Woodhouse said. "Queen Elizabeth II assumed her duties as the British Monarch at a very early age and, for more than seven decades, served her country with distinction, wisdom, consistency, and honour in times of peace and in times of war. As sovereign nations, First Nations in the Treaty territories located in Manitoba greatly value the sacred Treaty relationship with the British Crown. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to His Majesty the King as he assumes his responsibilities as Monarch, including nurturing the Treaty relationship with First Nations."

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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.