## **STATEMENT**

Ohsweken (March 30, 2017) – With heavy hearts, Six Nations Elected Council and its services offers sincere condolences and prayers to all of the families impacted by the accident that occurred last night on Highway 6.

"The loss of any community member is difficult, but to have lost so many youth in such a tragic way makes this loss even more heart wrenching. Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are. Our condolences and prayers go out to all of the families who have been affected, and to both communities," states Chief Ava Hill.

At this time, the Elected Council has offered supports to the community of Mississaugas of the New Credit and encourages all members in need to access the services being provided by Six Nations Social and Health Services. These services include, but are not limited to counselling, outreach, mental health and crisis support.

- Six Nations Social Services Walk-In Support
  15 Sunrise Court from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday (519) 445-0230
- Six Nations Mental Health Walk-In Support
  1745 Chiefswood Road from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday
  (519) 445-2418
- Six Nations 24/7 Crisis Line
  (519) 445-2204 or 1-866-445-2204

Victim Services are also available at the Mississaugas of the New Credit Community Centre. Classes at Lloyd S. King Elementary have been cancelled and counsellors are available.

Nia:weh to Six Nations Police, Haldimand County Fire, Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services, Haldimand County Paramedics, Six Nations Paramedics and Norfolk County Emergency Services for the invaluable services they have and continue to provide.

Six Nations of the Grand River is the most populated First Nation in Canada, with more than 26,000 members. Located in Southwestern Ontario, between Brantford, Caledonia, and Hagersville, it is the only First Nation in North America wherein all six Haudenosaunee Nations – Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, Onondaga and Tuscarora – live together. Six Nations Elected Council is committed to building a strong, prosperous and healthy community through key investments in community priorities, including infrastructure, education, health, culture and land rights. Follow Six Nations Elected Council on Facebook or Twitter @SixNationsEC