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Six Nations Urges Ottawa to End Discrimination Against First Nations Children

(Ohsweken, ON) In January of this year, Six Nations of the Grand River celebrated a landmark decision by The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to “cease the discriminatory practice and take measures to redress and prevent” the inequitable federal provision of child prevention services to First Nations communities across the country. To this date, the federal government has yet to comply and continues to fight Indigenous families seeking equal access to services in court.

Recently, a motion was tabled in the House of Commons to call on the federal government to comply with the historic ruling and end discrimination against First Nations children by:

- Immediately investing \$155 million in new funding for the delivery of child prevention, and establishing a future funding plan
- Implementing the full definition of Jordan’s Principle
- Fully complying with all orders made by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal
- Making all documents related to the overhaul of child prevention and the implementation of Jordan’s Principle public

“First Nations children rightfully deserve the same care and treatment as every other child in Canada,” said Six Nations Chief Ava Hill. “On behalf of Six Nations Elected Council, we urge the federal government to address and remedy this area of inequity that disproportionately affects our children and families. With timely and meaningful government action we can ensure a better tomorrow for our future generations.”

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For more information about the historic Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decision visit:
<http://decisions.chrt-tcdp.gc.ca/chrt-tcdp/decisions/en/item/127700/index.do>

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