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25 Year Commemoration of Dudley George, and Ipperwash Crisis

Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) Elected Council would like to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of the OPP shooting that resulted in Ipperwash demonstrator Dudley George's death.

Over the last 25 years, unresolved land rights issues continue to leave First Nations, municipalities, and project proponents frustrated by the lack of federal involvement nor the tools to resolve these issues.

The SNGREC believes that education, awareness and a willingness to work together to come to a solution must be an achievable goal in all parties' eyes – especially the leadership bodies.

Six Nations of the Grand River calls upon all levels of government, including their agencies to review and fully commit to a jointly approved implement plan for the over 100 recommendations from the *Report of the Ipperwash Inquiry* that was released by Justice Sidney Linden on May 31, 2007.

“We must take a stand to educate the non-Native communities. Most of these land claim issues are before their time and providing them with the chance to learn our position will help paint a clearer picture for those frustrated settlers,” states SNGR Elected Council.

The lack of recognition and respect of inherent, Indigenous and treaty rights are perpetual barriers that must be removed in order to establish healthy relationships with the First People of Canada.

In an era of climate change linked directly to resource extraction from Indigenous lands, learning from Indigenous peoples coined with corporate social responsibility commitment will help heal our depleting planet.

Six Nations of the Grand River calls upon the people of Canada and all levels of government to commit to increased education and awareness, respectful dialogue on fundamental issues which will lead to fostering healthier relationships with the First People of Canada.

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