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To: The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (SRMT) & The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA)

CC: Chief John Roberts, Governor The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Attorney General Letitia James

Subject: Cease and Desist – Misrepresentation of Governance Authority

## Greetings,

On behalf of the Office of the Prime Minister of the Ierahkwa ne Kanienke Government, we issue this formal **Public Cease and Desist Letter** to address matters of sovereignty and governance. This letter asserts our **inherent sovereign jurisdiction** and clarifies the limits of the policy of the SRMT and MCA, in accordance with Ierahkwa/Iroquois law and international accords.

### 1. Assertion of Sovereign Jurisdiction:

The Ierahkwa ne Kanienke Government exercises sovereign jurisdiction under the **Great Law of Peace** (Kaianere'kó:wa) – the ancient constitution of the Ierahkwa/Iroquois Confederacy – and the sacred **Wampum Treaties** that record our agreements. Our governance authority flows directly from these time-honored laws and covenants, predating and **superseding any colonial frameworks**. We remind you that our Great Law of Peace and historic wampum agreements (notably the **Two Row Wampum** of 1613, Teioháte Kaswenta) remain *living Silver Chain Covenants* guiding our nation's conduct. These agreements established fundamental principles of **non-interference, and peaceful coexistence** between our people and outside governments. The Ierahkwa Government stands firmly upon this foundation.

### 2. Grounding in Treaty and International Law:

Our sovereign jurisdiction is further **reinforced by international treaties and conventions** among Indigenous nations. The Ierahkwa ne Kanienke Government is a proud participant in the **Ever-Growing Tree of Peace of Indigenous Nations**, a modern multilateral treaty that **reaffirms Indigenous sovereignty and mutual respect** in the spirit of our ancestral diplomacy. Likewise, we uphold the **Extended Two Row Wampum Convention**, a landmark agreement rooted in the original Two Row Wampum Treaty, which strengthens **Government to Government** relations while upholding the principles of respect and non-interference also clearly stated by Congress ([S.Con.Res.76 — 100th Congress 1987-1988](#)). These contemporary accords – alongside the Two Row Wampum and other Wampum belt treaties such as the One Bowl One Spoon and the Silver Chain Convention – collectively affirm that **our sovereignty is neither extinguished nor confined by foreign laws**. In sum, the **Ierahkwa/Iroquois Government's authority is grounded in Wampum law which are valid international agreements**, and we will continue to conduct our governance and external relations on that basis.







### 3. SRMT and MCA as Limited Colonial Constructs:

In contrast, the bodies known as the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) are **trustees established under colonial regimes** and **possess only a limited trusteeship without any jurisdiction**. The SRMT's tribal council operates under the framework of a 501 C3 Non-profit organization from an external government without jurisdiction. The Ierahkwa/Iroquois community at Akwesasne **rejected** both, the IRA in 1935 by referendum, and the current "Tribal Council" structure. Likewise, the MCA is a creation of Canada's **Indian Act** band council system – a **municipal-style administration** elected under Canadian law. These councils were designed by outside governments in an attempt to manage the **internal affairs of Territories/Reservations** and *do not embody the full sovereign authority of the Ierahkwa/Iroquois Nation*. Their legal mandates are **strictly confined to their own organizations (NGO/501 C3)** defined by those foreign codes, without jurisdiction. We emphasize that **neither SRMT nor MCA was established by the Great Law or by the collective will of the Ierahkwa/Iroquois**, but by outside **colonial legislation**. They function solely as *departmental policy trustees of foreign entities* – not as our national government.

### 4. Sovereignty Beyond Reservation Boundaries:

The Ierahkwa ne Kanienke Government hereby formally asserts that it **does not recognize any artificial reservation boundary as a limit on our jurisdiction**. Our people's sovereign rights extend across our **ancestral territories**, which far exceed the current reservation lines. Historically, the **Iroquois** held a vast domain encompassing the entire eastern seaboard and beyond. The community of Akwesasne – whose Ierahkwa/Iroquois name **means "Land Where the Ruffed Grouse Drums,"** at the confluence of the "Kaniatarowanen Ne Onkwéhonwe" (St. Lawrence River) – represents only a portion of that traditional homeland. Our true **sovereign territory** is the **macro-territory** that our ancestors defended and died for in our treaties. The Ierahkwa Government, as the **resurged national government of the Ierahkwa/Iroquois**, **maintains jurisdiction over all these lands** by virtue of rekindled right and unbroken lineage of law. We have never been conquered or ceded, and will not be constrained by the patchwork of reservation boundaries drawn by colonial authorities. In accordance with the Two Row Wampum's promise of parallel paths, we expect foreign governments to respect that our governance travels the **breadth of our ancestral land**, without interference.

### 5. Demand to Cease Misrepresentation of Authority:

In light of the above, we hereby **demand that the SRMT and MCA immediately cease and desist from any and all misrepresentations of governance or authority over the Sovereign Independent Nation**. It has come to our attention that the SRMT and MCA, whether in public statements or interactions with outside entities, may have **suggested or implied authority over Akwesasne National affairs**. Such assertions constitute an **improper usurpation of roles** that belong only to our traditional sovereign governance. Continuation of any **claims of broader jurisdiction or national representation** will be regarded as a **direct violation of** our people's sovereign authority. For the sake of our collective people, clarity and honesty in this regard are paramount. We ask that you **formally acknowledge** that the SRMT and MCA **do not speak for, nor govern the Ierahkwa/Mohawk Nation and should publicly retract their published statements**.





#### 6. Upcoming Disclosure of Illegitimate Authority Origins:

Further, be advised that the Ierahkwa ne Kanienke Government is preparing to release documentation and evidence concerning the **unlawful imposition and illegal external recognition of the SRMT's governing body in the 20th century**. Preliminary findings indicate that the current SRMT structure was established **without proper consent of the Ierahkwa/Iroquois/Rotinonhshonni/Mohawk people**, through actions initiated by U.S. officials – notably **Mr. Louis R. Bruce**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Commissioner (1969–1972). In 1971, during Commissioner Bruce's tenure, the U.S. government's **illegally and fraudulently extended federal recognition to the SRMT** ([www.wampumchronicles.com](http://www.wampumchronicles.com)) despite the community's prior referendum and rejection of the IRA model. This move, conducted under the guise of "acknowledging a federal relationship," directly affected our freedom of commerce, **circumvented our traditional decision-making protocols, disregarded congressional rejection**, and ignored the pre-existing **Ierahkwa/Iroquois/Rotinonhshonni/Mohawk governance at Akwesasne**. We characterize this action as an **illegal interference in our sovereignty** – essentially, a *unilateral instatement of a colonial governance system* in violation of the Two Row Wampum's principle of non-interference. The forthcoming documentation will detail how the SRMT's recognition was achieved and why under both our law and Congress, it lacks legitimacy. We serve this notice so that the SRMT and MCA are aware that the historical record will be set straight. We urge you to **reflect on the origins and limitations of your unauthorized policies and illegal representations**, as the exposure of these facts will reinforce the necessity of the corrective actions we demand in this letter.

#### 7. Diplomatic Intent and Conclusion:

This Cease and Desist is issued for the purposes of **clarifying legitimacy, curtailing misrepresentation and correcting illegal actions** by the SRMT and MCA. Their roles must no longer be confused with sovereign nationhood. Know that our Confederacy and Nation have **survived by upholding the principle of our council fire's respective authority** – and in our view, the **central fire of the Ierahkwa/Iroquois Nation (embodied by our Peoples Council and now the Ierahkwa Government)** must be honored above any externally imposed 501-C3 or NGO. We remain committed to the People and hope that peace, respect, and the **Two Row Wampum's eternal promise** will guide us moving forward.







Accordingly, you are hereby put on official notice to cease and desist from any misrepresentation or overreach of effective immediately. We trust that you will operate within your proper confines and refrain from any actions or statements that infringe upon the sovereignty of the Iroquois/Mohawk/Ierahkwa ne Kanienke Government at large. Failure to comply will compel us to consider all appropriate and necessary measures to protect our Nation's financial freedoms, liberties, and self-governance.

Niawen'kó:wa (thank you) for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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