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PRESS RELEASE

Algonquin Nation Tribal Council 37th Annual Assembly Affirms that Algonquin Aboriginal Title is held by communities and confirm no other Algonquin organization speaks or negotiates for them

(Algonquin Territory/September 25, 2017) On Friday September 22, 2017, the Algonquin Nation Tribal Council's 37th Annual Assembly adopted two resolutions setting out the joint position of community members from three Algonquin First Nations: Wolf Lake, Timiskaming and Barriere Lake.

The first resolution on **Representation and Rights** resolves that:

... based on oral and documentary evidence, within the Algonquin Nation Aboriginal Title is held at the level of the community; and

requests other Algonquin communities and their organizations, including the Algonquin Anishinabeg Tribal Council, respect our right to represent ourselves, our interests, [and] our territory ...

The second resolution on "Algonquins of Ontario (AOO)" Negotiations requests that:

- ... the AOO negotiations, which affect the lands and waters over which we assert an interest be suspended, until such time, as our rights and interests are properly considered and accommodated to our satisfaction; and
- ... the AOO eligibility provisions be set aside because they affect all of the Algonquin Nation, and should be dealt with in a manner that takes into consideration Algonquin custom and practise, and the consequences for other communities who are not party to the AOO negotiations.

These resolutions will be communicated to the Algonquin communities, their organizations and the governments of Canada, Quebec and Ontario.

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