



## Six Nations "Iroquois" Confederacy GRAND RIVER COUNTRY

Ohswegen, Ontario

### STATEMENT IN REGARDS TO ONGOING DEMONSTRATION AT BAND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

May 29, 2019

The Hodiyanehsoh (Chiefs) and Godiyanehsoh (Clanmothers) met to discuss the ongoing demonstration and have considered the request by Elected Council members to meet today. Consensus was reached to meet today to once again try resolve the issues which outside governments continue to impose on Six Nations. We must acknowledge the people of Six Nations who have determined that the only way to make change occur is to take action. We acknowledge the genuine threat that is currently being forced upon us, without consent.

The Chiefs and Clanmothers are also very concerned for the health and safety of community members. More then anything, we are very concerned with the ongoing efforts to erode our rights and status as a distinct Nation in the world. We sent Leaders and listened to demonstration leaders, and cooperatively agreed to allowing limited access to essential staff to fulfill immediate duties that serve the community.

We are appreciative that Elected Council members recognize the importance of sincere communication as key to begin work for betterment of Six Nations. While demonstrators protest Canada's attacks on our Nationhood can be countered by adhering to Confederacy Law, known as the Great Laws of Peace. On the topic of citizenship, the Confederacy Council has moved beyond Canadian rule to develop laws our citizens recognize, contained in the Eight Points of Jurisdiction which was presented nearly two decades ago to Elected Council.

We urge all Onkwewhonwe to adhere to the principles given to us by Our Creator. This means to conduct ourselves with a good mind, mutual respect, and seek peaceful relations.

Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council