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NAN GRAND CHIEF CONGRATULATES MPP HOWARD HAMPTON FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Stan Beardy says Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Howard Hampton, who announced his retirement last week, has been a champion for northern Ontario issues and First Nation rights. NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy issued the following statement:

“NAN wishes to thank Howard Hampton for all the good work he has done on behalf of northern Ontario and First Nations. During his years as a northern leader, he provided a strong voice in the Ontario legislature on issues pertaining to NAN First Nations including more recently bringing attention to the missing and recovered First Nations youth in Thunder Bay, and also the support he provided NAN in our opposition to Bill 191 – Ontario’s Far North Act. His passion and understanding of First Nation issues will be truly missed. On behalf of NAN, I would like to wish him well in his future endeavors,” said NAN Grand Chief Stan Beardy.

After more than 20 years of service to northwestern Ontario, the former Ontario NDP leader announced his retirement as the MPP for the Kenora-Rainy River riding. Hampton won the NDP leadership in 1996 and was re-elected in the 1990 provincial election. In 1993 Hampton took over the post of Ontario Minister of Natural Resources.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario.

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