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MCK officially declares State of Emergency, provides further info

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(Kahnawake – 22, Tsothórrha/December 2021) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that Chief & Council have officially passed a Mohawk Council Resolution formally enacting the ***Declaration of a State of Emergency*** at today's duly-convened emergency Council meeting.

Today's Resolution was necessitated by the requirement that the Ratitsénhahienhs of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke pass a Resolution within three (3) days of a decree (which was made yesterday).

As stated yesterday, the decision to decree a State of Emergency was made based on a recommendation from the Public Safety Commissioner in regards to the situation where an alarming number of confirmed cases of the COVID-19 have arisen in Kahnawà:ke.

In accordance with the Kahnawà:ke Emergency Preparedness Law, this initial Resolution will be in effect for thirty (30) days, expiring on January 20, 2022, which can be renewed as required.

Today's Resolution approves a new, initial, COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness Committee comprised of subject matter experts who can assist with mitigation of the pandemic response during this new state of emergency. This includes the following:

- Lloyd Phillips, Commissioner of Public Safety
- Lisa Westaway, Executive Director of Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre
- Dwayne Zacharie, Chief Peacekeeper
- David Scott, Fire Chief, Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade
- Derek Montour, Executive Director of Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services
- Robyn Montour, Manager of Public Safety
- Ryan Montour, MCK Public Safety Portfolio Chief
- Barton Goodleaf, MCK Health Portfolio Chief
- Robin Delaronde, Executive Director of Kahnawà:ke Education Center
- Onerahtókha Marquis, MCK Executive Director

Please note that other members may be added to the Committee as needed.

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