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PROPOSED BY: Ratsénhaienhs Lloyd Oronhiakhète Phillips

SECONDED BY: Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer

WHEREAS the Mohawk People (Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non), as part of the Mohawk Nation (Kanien'kehá:ka) and the Iroquois Confederacy (Rotinohsonnión:we) are, and have always been a sovereign people;

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non have consistently and historically declared their right to govern their own affairs;

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non have stated their intention to reinstate the structures, philosophies, concepts and principles of Mohawk Traditional Government as embodied by the Great Law of Peace (Kaianere'kó:wa);

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non abide by the principles of Power, Peace, and Righteousness prescribed in and in accordance with the Kaianere'kó:wa;

WHEREAS these principles have governed, and continue to govern, the direction of the Mohawk Nation since time immemorial;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke have an historic, inherent and inalienable right to education;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke have reasserted the Aboriginal Right of jurisdiction over their education systems since 1972;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke have governed and controlled the Kahnawà:ke education system without interference from Federal or Provincial governments, including the administration, development of curriculum, and policy development;

WHEREAS only the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke will determine the future of our education system;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke have the right to administer their education systems through the authority of the Parents and People of the community rather than the Federal or Provincial governments;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke are aware that the Federal government plans to pass and implement legislation known as the *First Nations Education Act*;

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WHEREAS the *First Nations Education Act* was created unilaterally by Canada, without properly consulting First Nations;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke joined the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador opposition to the federal government’s poor attempts at consultation and instead called for more meaningful discussions on education, and for recognition of our Aboriginal Right to jurisdictional control of our own educations systems;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke reiterate our position that the Federal government cannot divest itself of its fiduciary responsibilities towards First Nations education;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke are strongly opposed to imposition of legislation that is extremely paternalistic and unconstitutional;

WHEREAS the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke are committed to working cooperatively with any entities, organizations and bodies that it deems necessary in the interest of its opposition to said legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED that the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke declare and affirm jurisdictional control of our own education system through the authority of the people of the community;

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER DIRECTED that the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke demand that the Federal government immediately stops the process; removes the proposed *First Nations Education Act* from the legislative calendar/agenda and; begins working directly with Kahnawà:ke and other First Nations to address education issues;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED that the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke hereby CONDEMNS the imposition of the *First Nations Education Act* on this community and other First Nations that stand in opposition;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER DIRECTED that the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke calls upon other First Nations to formally reject the *First Nations Education Act* and condemn its imposition.

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