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WHEREAS the Mohawk People (Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non), as part of the Mohawk Nation (Kanien'kehá:ka) and the Iroquois Confederacy (Rotinonhsónnión: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 Elections were held on July 6th, 2024 in order to elect the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke in accordance with the *Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Election Law*;

WHEREAS in accordance with the above-mentioned Law, the Electoral Officer publicly announced the results of the election;

WHEREAS the previous Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke's term of office concludes at the time the newly elected Council declares their oath of office;

WHEREAS the present Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke's term of office commences at the time the Council declares their oath of office;

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED THAT:

1. This document shall henceforth be known as the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke *Declaration of Oath of Office*.
2. We, as the present Council of Chiefs, do solemnly declare that we will at all times faithfully, conscientiously, honestly, loyally, industriously, and to the best of our knowledge, skill, ability, experience and talents, perform all of the duties and responsibilities required of the position, bearing in mind that our primary duty is to serve Kahnawa'kehró:non.
3. We, as the present Council of Chiefs, collectively and individually agree to:
 - a) Contribute to the protection and advancement of Kanien'kehá:ka nationhood;

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- b) Protect the environment and territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke;
 - c) Revitalize Kanien'kéha and protect Kanien'kehá:ka culture and traditions;
 - d) Defend the principles of the Kahswéntha, the Two Row Wampum;
 - e) Assert and defend Kahnawà:ke's jurisdiction;
 - f) Strive for unifying Kahnawà:ke;
 - g) Foster economic self-sufficiency for Kahnawà:ke;
 - h) Foster social development and the well-being of all Kahnawa'kehró:non; and,
 - i) Ensure community development and the effective provision of community services.
4. We provisionally: acknowledge, accept the applicability of, and agree to abide by all policies and regulations governing our positions, including the *Relationship Framework between the MCK Executive Director and MCK Ratitsénhaienhs & Ohén:ton Í:rate/Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs*, the *Code of Conduct for Council Chiefs*, the *Regulations for the Operations of the Council of Chiefs*, and the *Administrative Guidelines for the Council of Chiefs*, with the condition that these documents are reviewed, amended and/or affirmed by the Council of Chiefs, within 90 days.
5. We further provisionally: acknowledge, accept the applicability of, and agree to abide by the *Terms of Reference for the Ietsénhaienhs/Ratsénhaienhs and/or Terms of Reference for the Ohén:ton Í:iente/Í:rate ne Ratitsénhaienhs*, with the condition that these documents are subject to a review and engagement process with the community for validation.
6. We further agree to be answerable and accountable to Kahnawa'kehró:ron, to every other Council Chief, and to the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke as an organization with respect to all matters for which we are responsible, and will serve them truthfully, honorably and to the best of our abilities.
7. We acknowledge that as members of the Council of Chiefs we may not agree on all issues and may publicly express our personal views. However, such public statements may not undermine other Council members or the position taken by consensus of the Council of Chiefs. Furthermore, while an issue is in the early stages of development and discussion or when the Council has not concluded its debate on the issue, or when the Council has not given approval to divulge the information, we will not make the matter public.
8. In no case will we divulge or use information that we have obtained in the course of executing our mandate for personal gain.
9. We agree that any and all items created or used by us or furnished by the Council of Chiefs and all documents or materials in any form are the exclusive property of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. Upon expiration of our term of office we shall immediately return to the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, in good condition, all property that is in our possession or under our control.

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10. We agree to immediately disclose all conflicts of interest and to remove ourselves promptly from any and all discussions regarding such interests. We also agree to refrain from taking any decisions or from voting in regard to the disclosed interest, whether it be personal, potential, direct or indirect conflict of interest. If disagreement arises with respect to whether a Council Chief is in a conflict of interest or not, we agree that the Chairperson of the meeting will call a vote (by secret ballot or show of hands at the Chairperson's discretion) in order to decide the matter. A quorum of Council Chiefs is required and if the majority decides that there is in fact a conflict of interest, then the Chief concerned will be disqualified from further consideration of the matter.
11. We agree to make ourselves available to testify as a witness in any legal proceedings initiated by or against the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke during or after our term of office.
12. We understand that if we undertake any liability on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke that we shall be indemnified and held harmless from and against all costs, charges, and expenses which we may sustain or incur in relations to any actions, suit, or legal proceedings which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against us the whole, provided we were:
- i. Acting in good faith
 - ii. Acting within the scope of our authority
 - iii. Acting under the direction of Council and Committee
 - iv. Acting in the best interest of Council
 - v. Acting free of any conflict of interest
13. We further understand that for all personal legal matters we will be responsible for obtaining independent legal counsel unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke.
14. We agree that as an elected Council Chief and not a Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke employee, we will be subject to the actions and measures set forth in the *Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Disciplinary Measures Regulations* [R.R.L. c. E-1 r.t], the *Council of Chiefs – Disciplinary Process for Complaints Internal to the MCK*, and the *Internal Complaints Process for the Council of Chiefs – for Complaints Internal to the Ratitsénhaienhs*.

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Ratsénhaienhs Johahio Delisle


Ratsénhaienhs Paul Rice


Ratsénhaienhs Ryan Karoniarakwon Montour


Ietsénhaienhs Melanie Kawenieson Morrison


Ratsénhaienhs Jeffrey Sha'korontakehtats Diabo


Ratsénhaienhs Tahawennon:tie David Diabo


Ratsénhaienhs Stephen Angus McComber


Ratsénhaienhs Kakwirakeron Ross Montour


Ietsénhaienhs Tonya Wentanoron Perron


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WHEREAS on July 9th, 2024, the Ratitsénhaienhs adopted the Declaration of the Oath of Office for the 2024-2027 term of office;

WHEREAS within the Declaration of the Oath of Office, clause 4 gave effect that the Ratitsénhaienhs were *provisionally* agreeing to the application of governance documents, with the express condition that the documents are subject to a review and community engagement process for validation, within 90 days (October 7th, 2024);

WHEREAS as the conditions pursuant to clause 4 of the Oath of Office has not yet been completed, there is a need to extend the application of clause 4 to account for a modified time period;

THEREFORE BE IT DIRECTED the following provision serve as an addendum to the Declaration of the Oath of Office, adopted by the Ratitsénhaienhs on July 9th, 2024:

15 We provisionally: acknowledge, accept the applicability of, and agree to abide by all policies and regulations governing our positions, including the *Relationship Framework between the MCK Executive Director and MCK Ratitsénhaienhs & Ohén:ton Í:rate/Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs*, the *Code of Conduct for Council Chiefs*, the *Regulations for the Operations of the Council of Chiefs*, and the *Administrative Guidelines for the Council of Chiefs*, with the condition that these documents are reviewed, amended and/or affirmed by the Council of Chiefs, **within the 2024-2027 term of office.**

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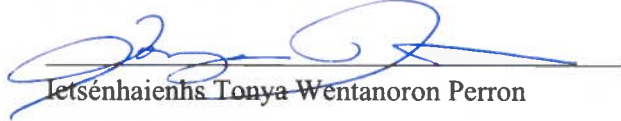

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