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Celebration of the Treaty of Niagara, 1764

To: First Nation Leadership, Organizations and Tribal Councils
From: Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy
Date: July 25, 2014
Re: Invitation to the Treaty of Niagara

This year marks the 250th Anniversary of the 1764 Treaty at Niagara, an agreement that was solidified through the exchange of wampum belts and a ceremonial gathering that affirmed the Nation-to-Nation relationship through the Covenant Chain of Friendship.

To mark this anniversary all leaders and citizens of our Indigenous Nations are invited to attend in this historic two-day celebration to learn from our keepers of Indigenous knowledge, carriers of wampum and sacred items, and to reaffirm our relationships as Indigenous Nations through treaties.

In following protocol, the Sunrise Ceremony is open to **all pipe and eagle staff carriers** to participate, which will be held at Fort George on **August 2, 2014 at 6:00AM.**

It is important to note that this event is open to the general public to attend in order to generate awareness and education on the responsibilities of our treaty partners.

An overview of the scheduled events is provided below and list of confirmed guest speakers will be provided closer to the date of the event.

Itinerary of Events

Friday August 1, 2014 7:00 PM to 9:00PM	Fort Niagara Eastern Bank of the Niagara River Youngstown, NY	Day 1 Knowledge Sharing on the significance of the Treaty and exchange of wampum. Speakers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alan Corbiere, Anishinabek Historian• Rick Hill, Haudenosaunee Historian
Saturday August 2, 2014 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Fort George Western Bank of the Niagara River Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON	Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunrise Ceremony• Rekindling of the Kings Fire• Knowledge Sharing• Feast

At this time, the Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy is asking for the understanding of Chiefs and citizens as he is unable to attend this event as August 1, 2014 is the 10th anniversary of the passing of his late son, Daniel Beardy. He is required to be in this home community of Muskrat Dam First Nation for commemorative events.

For further information please contact:

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