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Anishinabek Nation kicks off 6th Annual Lands, Resources and Economic Development Forum

ANISHINABEK NATION HEAD OFFICE (February 15, 2022) – The Anishinabek Nation welcomes member First Nations, Anishinabek citizens and representatives, industry experts, and government officials at the 6th Annual Lands, Resources, and Economic Development Forum: Kina-Gego-Naabadosin— Everything is Connected.

“As has been with previous Forums, this year’s event will focus on interconnectedness – of the land, resources, and our people – and its importance in times of healing, growth, and prosperity,” states Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe. “The Anishinabek Nation welcomes our First Nation leaders, technicians in the areas of lands, resources and economic development, and interested individuals ready to learn and come together to discuss issues and opportunities facing First Nations.”

Due to the ongoing public health measures in place related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the three-day event will take place virtually from February 15-17. During these times of isolation, all methods will be used to foster a connected experience, including sharing circles by Anishinabek Nation Elders, breakout sessions to promote engagement and interactivity, and the ability to converse directly with colleagues and counterparts.

“This Forum provides an opportunity for First Nations and their representatives to voice their concerns, perspectives, and solutions to key topics relating to our environment and economies,” says Grand Council Chief Niganobe. “I encourage our participants to speak freely, openly, and respectfully as this Forum provides a safe and constructive manner to discuss key issues.”

Over the course of the three half-day sessions, industry experts and key representatives will cover topics such as invasive species, climate change, and emergency management. These topics bring to the forefront First Nation-centric challenges and aim to foster collaboration with non-Indigenous governments and organizations with presentations from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mining, Natural Resources, and Forestry; the Invasive Species Centre; and Westaway Group.

The Forum will also include a leadership panel and an Anishinabek Nation Caucus — a sharing circle of member First Nations to discuss the subject matter and issues on the horizon.

To learn more about the Forum, please visit: <http://www.landsandresources.ca/>

The Anishinabek Nation is a political advocate for 39 member First Nations across Ontario, representing approximately 65,000 citizens. The Anishinabek Nation is the oldest political organization in Ontario and can trace its roots back to the Confederacy of Three Fires, which existed long before European contact.

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