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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk - News Release

### Chiefs to attend Great Lakes conference

#### Embargo until April 11

**(Kahnawá:ke – 11, Oneratókha/April 2005)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke would like to inform the community that Chiefs Martin Leborgne and Keith Myiow will be attending the inaugural meeting of the United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes (UINGL). It will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 11-12, in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The meeting was organized to discuss the protection of Great Lakes waters. It had been earlier agreed that First Nations in both the United States and Canada would come together to form a body (UINGL) that would be recognized as the unified, coordinated voice of the Native people.

Representatives from several Nations, including Algonquin, Ojibwa, Chippewa, Delaware, Mississauga, Odawa and Potawatomi are expected to attend.

“Any changes to the Great Lakes could affect the communities downstream,” said Chief Leborgne. “We need to ensure that Kahnawá:ke’s interests are respected – and that’s why we’re attending.”

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