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Proposed Amendment to Kahnawake Membership Law

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 15 Ohiarí:ha/June 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake's Membership Registrar, Alexis Shackleton announces that a proposed amendment to the Kahnawake Membership Law has been received from an individual. The proposed amendment is highlighted below:

- 11.1 A person who is not born of two (2) members, is eligible to apply for membership of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawá:ke, at the age of eighteen (18) if he or she satisfies the following criteria:
- a) has at least four (4) Kanien'kehá:ka great-grandparents, **For further clarity, Kanien'keha:ka is defined as being a direct descendant from a Kanien'keha:ka ancestor, Blood quantum is not a factor in determining a great-grandparent's Kanien'kehaka lineage.**

In accordance with the Kahnawake Membership Law, the process to propose an amendment requires the support of a minimum of one-hundred Kahnawa'kehró:non. As such, Kahnawa'kehró:non who are in support of the proposed amendment may present themselves to the Membership Department to sign a declaration, with **reasons** why they supporting such a change to the current Kahnawake Membership Law.

It's important to note that this only starts the process for a proposal to an amendment - it doesn't mean that the change will be made.

As well, any members of the community who are homebound and wish to participate in this process are asked to contact the Membership Department.

There is a 30-day time limit to give your support on this amendment which began on June 10th and ends on July 28th 2005 at noon.

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For more information, please contact:

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