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# Two eldest women officially Recognized as Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke at Council meeting and luncheon

#### For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 18, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2019) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform Kahnawa'kehró:non that the Council of Chiefs have formally accepted two elders back into the community at a small welcoming ceremony at today's duly-convened Council meeting.

The two are the eldest women to have applied so far for Recognition on the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry (KKR). They were the first two persons to be added to the KKR since the 'reinstatements' were put on hold in 2007.

"We felt it was only proper to acknowledge the two ladies, who have patiently awaited the opportunity to once again be recognized as Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke" said letsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, who leads the files pertaining to the KKL and Residency. "The passage of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law and Regulations means that we now have a proper mechanism to register eligible persons according to our own criteria to the KKR and welcome these people back to the community. This is long overdue and something to be celebrated!"

Following the formal welcoming the two ladies were honored with a luncheon held to commemorate their Recognition.

Applications for Recognition began being processed on August 30, 2019. Since that time, thirty-seven (37) decisions have been made in relation to KKR registrations. The list is available at the Client Based Services Office for viewing by KKR members.