

Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke P.O. Box 720 Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Territory JOL 1B0 Phone: (450) 632-7500 Fax: (450) 638-5958 Web Site: www.Kahnawake.com E-mail: <u>communications@mck.ca</u> Enhsakotò:kénhte Nitiotié:ren Tsi Ietsenhaientáhkhwa

Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

MCK Statement on Power Ball Raffle

(Kahnawake – 17, Tsothóhrha/December 2009) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) would like to make the community aware that concerns have been raised over the recently publicized Power Draw raffle.

The MCK is advising community members **not** to participate, as the Power Draw is unregulated and there are serious concerns over accountability. It has also advised community organizations that have been offered a donation from the raffle's proceeds to refrain from participating.

The Power Draw, which is advertising a prize of \$100,000, is being organized by a non-Native.

The organizer was directed by the MCK to discuss the matter with the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, which is the only body that can authorize such large-scale gaming within the Territory.

The MCK is supportive of non-profit organizations raising monies for their causes. However, this particular raffle is not being organized by any of the non-profit organizations who stand to gain a portion of the proceeds.

-30-

For information about this release, please contact: Joe Delaronde, Political Press Attaché Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke 450-632-7500, joe.delaronde@mck.ca