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Deadline extended for proposed amendment to Membership Law

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 25 Ohiarihkó:wa/July 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake's Membership Registrar, Alexis Shackleton announces that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Membership Department was unable to accept declarations in support of the proposed amendment to the Membership Law from Thursday, July 22nd at 3:00 pm and on Friday, July 23rd. Therefore, the deadline will be extended one additional day to **Friday, July 29th at 1:00 p.m.**

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. 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.

The proposed amendment to the Kahnawake Membership Law states:

- 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.

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