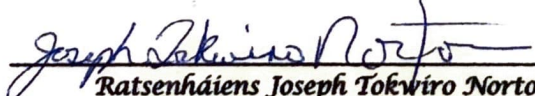


Declaration for the Return to Traditional Government

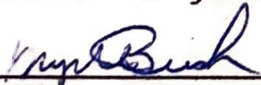
Over one hundred years ago, the people of Kahnawá:ke began to witness and experience the erosion of our ancestral form of government and culture by outside governmental influences. These actions have caused the near extinction of our language and the imposition of laws that restricted the natural growth of our society. From the time these foreign governments were forced upon us, Kahnawa'keró:non have expressed the need to exercise our right to Traditional Government.

Therefore, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke, declares to support the mandate given by the people in 1979 to return to Traditional Government. Through this declaration, we are asking all Kahnawa'keró:non to join together by working towards achieving our common goal: to participate in and witness the reunification of all Kahnawa'keró:non under Traditional Government.

Signed on this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year two thousand,


Ratsenháiens Joseph Tokwiro Norton

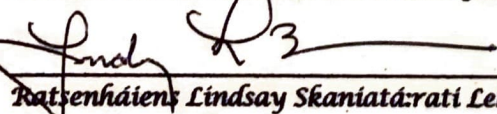

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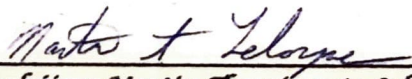

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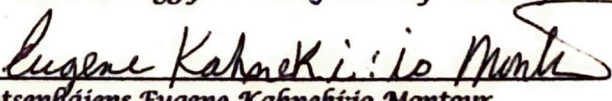

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