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# *Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation*

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The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation congratulates Roseanne Archibald on her election to the role of the Assembly of First Nations National Chief. We have made history today, electing the first female National Chief! This alone signals an evolution and positive change.

As one of Roseanne Archibald's nominators, we share her positive, heart-centred, and grounded vision. We also see great potential and paths charted to achieve so much for Indigenous Nations, not just within the confines of Canada, but internationally. This international vision is one we desperately need to combat the global challenges we currently face, or will face, in the near future. National Chief Archibald has been a steady, creative, and fearless leader throughout the COVID19 crisis, through the ongoing pressures of colonization, and she will lead with an understanding of our challenges in the global context of climate change.

Our future leaders now have someone to look up to, to see themselves in these positions as women, two-spirit, and non-binary people. We now have a leader who understands decolonization and is actively dismantling the patriarchy, which has been a tool of lateral violence and oppression within our nations for generations. This responsibility is enormous and, as with any leadership role, it will depend on every one of us to stand behind our National Chief, and work towards these goals.

Perhaps most importantly, National Chief Archibald's leadership is grounded in spirit. The seven sacred teachings radiate from National Chief Archibald's deep sense of responsibility and humble presence. Whether on Zoom or in person, National Chief Archibald ensures that spirit is there to guide us. The presence of spirit and the understanding of the seven sacred teachings brings accountability, transparency and prosperity that is sustainable and inspirational.

We look forward to the work ahead and offer our support in setting the paths forward and achieving a healthy, heart and spirit-centred vision for the Algonquin Nation and all Indigenous people on Turtle Island and the world.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Jocko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that loops back under the name.

Wendy Jocko, Chief

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