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KITCHENUHMAYKOOSIB INNINUWUG PROCLAMATION MADE PURSUANT TO MIINIKOZOWIN FOR KITCHENUHMAYKOOSIB INNINUWUG DIBENJIKEWIN ONAAKONIKEWIN ("KIDO")

Declaration

We, the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, are among the ancient peoples and nations of the Western Hemisphere and in particular these lands and territories that abound on the Great Turtle Island (North America). We have existed in this place since the beginning of human memory, a memory that recounts centuries of evolution and growth within this vast and wondrous place;

We, the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, have always existed in our Homelands before any other peoples, governments or nations, and upon this basis we declare our Homelands as being bestowed by Kishe-Manidoo to the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug. Recent western scientific understandings have recognized that the ancestors of the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug have lived and died along the shore of what is now known in the English language as Big Trout Lake by the discovery of a 5,000-year-old burial site with the remains of our ancestor;

We, the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, hereby declare and affirm our Miinikozowin, our inherent power that includes rights and responsibilities given or bestowed upon Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug by Kishe-Manidoo with a Kanachitotamowin to care for Awaashishag, Oshkaadizag Egwa Dibenjikewinan so as to maintain the balance of life that is central to the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug's identity;

We, the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, hereby declare and affirm we have our own laws, derived from Kishe-Manidoo's laws, that require it to protect Awaashishag, Oshkaadizag Egwa Dibenjikewinan for the benefit of the future generations of the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug;

We, the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, hereby declare and affirm by virtue of Kishe-Manidoo's grace and authority, we have maintained an inherent Maamao Dibenjikewin Kanawaabajikewin arising from Miinikozowin, and we choose to exercise our jurisdiction, including written law-making authority, in part through the *Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Family Law* known as *Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Dibenjikewin Onaakonikewin*;

P.O. Box 329 BIG TROUT LAKE, ON POV 1G0 We, the Nation of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, have since the time of our creation governed and managed not only our own conduct within our Homelands, but also that of any other people who have sought to co-exist in our Homelands with us. Our primary responsibility has always been to ensure that the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, and those who co-exist with us in our Homelands, know and understand our laws;

We, the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, as represented by the duly elected KI government of Chief and Council do hereby declare that the *Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Family Law* known as *Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Dibenjikewin Onaakonikewin* is in force and applies to the northern area of Turtle Island, also now known as the country of Canada, as of April 1, 2023.

Solemnly declared to be in force and effect this 1st day of April, 2023 by the Government of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug.

Chief Donny Morris

Deputy Chief Stanley Bluecoat

Head Councillor Cecilia Begg

Councillor Samuel McKay

Councillor Donald McKay

Councillor Tiffany McKay

Councillor Andrea Neshinapaise

Councillor Harriet Cutfeet