



KAHNAWÀ:KE KANIENKEHÁ:KA ONKWANAKERÁHSERA - KAHNAWAKE BRANCH OF THE MOHAWK NATION NE IÀ:IA'K NIHONONHWENTSÁ:KE - SIX NATION IROOUOIS CONFEDERACY

## Haudenosaunee at Kahnawà:ke stand by Reclamation occupation at Caledonia

## For Immediate Release Mohawk Nation at Kahnawake – Onerahtókha/April 30, 2006

The Haudenosaunee at Kahnawake offer greetings and thanksgiving. On April 20, 2006, at approximately 4:30am; the Ontario Provincial Police launched a violent attack upon occupants of the repatriated Haudenosaunee Territory at Caledonia. The occupants there were unarmed and peaceful.

This unnecessary and insensitive measure to use violence is deplorable and intolerable, and is reminiscent of the brutal force used against our people during the events at Ipperwash in 1995, Kanehsatake in 1990, and Grand River in 1924 when the RCMP removed the traditional Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council by force of arms.

The Haudenosaunee at Kahnawake desire a peaceful resolve to this issue and implore the Governments of Canada and Ontario not to employ any further acts of violence or aggression upon our people. We feel that this is the best way to ensure the safety and security of everyone in the area.

The Haudenosaunee at Kahnawake would like to also take this opportunity to announce its full support for the reclamation occupation at Caledonia. Moreover, the Haudenosaunee at Kahnawake standby the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council at Grand River as the legitimate governing authority of Oshwé:ken. It must be made clear that only through talks with the Haudenosaunee Six Nation Iroquois Confederacy can the wrongs of the past be made right.

The Haudenosaunee at Kahnawake call upon other Haudenosaunee nations and territories as well as Indigenous Peoples throughout the world; to stand in solidarity with the people of Grand River throughout this reclamation occupation.

In the meantime, the Haudenosaunee at Kahnawake are on alert in order to monitor the situation at Grand River and to assist to ensure peace remains.

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