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Chief William Diabo Magnetawan First Nation 10 Hwy 529, Britt, Ontario, P0G 1A0 william.diabo@magfn.com

Dear Chief Diabo:

We are pleased to confirm that effective April 1, 2021, Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services is designated as a children's aid society pursuant to subsection 34 (1) of the Child. Youth and Family Services Act, 2017.

Our government strongly believes that First Nations, Inuit and Métis children and youth should have access to services that are culturally appropriate and responsive to their needs. This can only be done when working together with First Nations such as yourself. We are confident those served by Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services will get the high-quality care they deserve, and we thank you for being a leader in making this happen.

The support of Magnetawan First Nation has been critical to the success of the designation of Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services and has set the foundation for continued partnership and collaboration to enhance the well-being of children and families.

Our ministry will continue to work with Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services to provide support and guidance as required.

Congratulations on this important step towards better outcomes for children, youth and families in your community.

Sincerely,

Todd Smith Minister Jill Dunlop

Associate Minister of Children and

Women's Issues

c. Joanne Koehler, Executive Director, Niijaansinaanik Child and Family Services