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The AFN Yukon Region Celebrates the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun's 30th Anniversary of Self-Government

On behalf of the Assembly of First Nations - Yukon Region, congratulations to the leadership and citizens of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun as it celebrates this momentous 30th anniversary of Self-Government!

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun continues to blaze the trail when it comes to the ways it exercises the right to self-government and self-determination. It's been 30 years since the First Nation signed its Final Agreement and in that time, the citizens and leadership of this incredible community continue to inspire others nationwide. We extend our gratitude to Chief Dawna Hope, Deputy Chief Roberta Hager, and all the Chiefs and leaders who have come before who have played a role in advancing the rights of the First Nation. We also raise our hands in appreciation to all the Elders, Matriarchs, youth, and citizens of generations both past and present who have contributed to the accomplishments of this great Nation.

As the Northern-most community of the Northern Tutchone language and culture group, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun's commitment to upholding tradition and culture in all aspects of governance and community development is truly something to be admired. Gatherings consistently reflect a deep understanding of how cultural values and Traditional Laws can create safety, health, and a stronger sense of identity for both individuals, and the community as a whole, and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun's dedication to this vision has set an incredible example for all citizens looking to chart a path forward to a bright future for generations to come.

To the youth of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun; your actions today will shape the world that the next seven generations will inherit. There will be challenges, but I hope you can find strength in the path that your ancestors and leaders have blazed for the past 30 years and beyond!

Thank you once again to all of the leaders, ancestors, Matriarchs, Elders, youth, and citizens who have supported the progress of this incredible First Nation over the last 30 years, and long before.

Congratulations to you all – I look forward to stepping forward with you on the good path ahead!



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