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Assembly of First Nations (AFN) – Yukon Region Congratulates Cindy Woodhouse on election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) – Yukon Region congratulates Cindy Woodhouse on being elected National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations at the 2023 Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa, Ontario.

[Ottawa, Ontario] – The AFN Yukon Region would like to extend sincere congratulations to Cindy Woodhouse on her election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

The AFN Yukon Region acknowledges the efforts of National Chief-elect Cindy Woodhouse, along with all five of the other candidates, to connect with Chiefs from coast to coast to coast, and appreciates the time that they took to speak with Yukon First Nations Chiefs, leaders, Elders, and Youth leading up to and during the Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa this week.

Regional Chief Kluane Adamek said, "the AFN Yukon Region works to support the interests and priorities of all 14 Yukon First Nations, at the direction and in cooperation with their Chiefs and leaders. As Regional Chief, I am responsible for advancing those priorities and interests nationally through my role on the AFN National Executive and by working closely with the National Chief."

She continued, "First Nations across the country are facing many unique challenges, and they need to know that as leaders, our priority is advancing their rights and supporting their interests. First Nations look to us to hold federal partners, departments, and governments accountable for their words and actions, both past and

present. I am looking forward to continuing to do this work, in support of all 14 Yukon First Nations and alongside the new National Chief."

"We have experienced challenging times as an organization in recent years, and I am optimistic that we will now take a fresh step forward on a path of healing, collaboration, and respect with National Chief Cindy Woodhouse, as well as the rest of the AFN National Executive and all First Nations across Turtle Island", said Regional Chief Kluane Adamek.

Once again, congratulations to Cindy Woodhouse, on her election as National Chief! The AFN Yukon Region looks forward to working together to share more about the important work and incredible leadership coming from the Yukon Region, and to ensure that Yukon First Nations rights and interests are well-represented at the national level.

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