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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

### Grand Chief sends letter to Charest

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawá:ke – 27, Enníska/February 2007)** Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. has sent a letter to Quebec Premier Jean Charest regarding his recent statement that alleges “North America belongs to the French.”

In his letter (see attachment) Chief Delisle reminded the Premier of several historical realities that he and/or his advisors may be unaware of.

*“Your comments show just how little priority you place on Native People or our issues,”* Chief Delisle wrote. *“No matter the context of your words, they are considered by us to be highly insensitive and, indeed, an insult.”*

The letter concludes with the following statement:

*“Here is some information that may be useful to you, Mr. Charest: we are not going away. We are here for the long haul. And, until the colonial governments come to a clear understanding that we cannot and will not forget the suffering and sacrifice of those who came before us, then Canadians can rest assured that we will continue to stand up for our rights. Anything less would be an insult to our ancestors.”*

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