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MCK Corrects Misinformation

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(Kahnawá:ke – 17, Ohiari:ha/June 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) wishes to correct some serious misinformation that was broadcast on yesterday's Talk Show on K103 radio.

On the program, one of the guests said that, according to the Kahnawá:ke Membership Law, every Kahnawá:ke child must now apply for Membership upon turning 18. This statement is completely false. The law actually states:

10.1 A person is a member at birth of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawá:ke if he or she is identified as a Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawá:ke and if he or she satisfies the following criteria:

- a) is born of two members, and*
- b) has four (4) or more Kanien'kehá:ka great-grandparents,*
- c) is identified as having, or is willing to avail themselves, of the established Kahnawá:ke process of affiliation in seeking a Kanien'kehá:ka clan.*

Therefore, any child born who is born of two members and has four or more great-grandparents will automatically be considered a member. These children will **not** have to apply to become a member.

Any community member who wishes his/her own copy of the Kahnawá:ke Membership Law is encouraged to pick one up at the MCK offices.

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