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To Whom it May Concern

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As the lead policing body for the Joint Police Service Task Force (JPSTF), the Six Nations Police Service (SNPS) has been at the forefront of the investigation into the deaths of children at the Mohawk Institute. We stand in full support of the Survivors' Secretariat's efforts to restore national funding for missing children and unmarked burial investigations.

We have witnessed the tireless work of the Survivors' Secretariat and the Survivors in their mission to "Bring the Children Home." This long-term effort will involve researchers, ground search experts, and the participation of law enforcement and the Ontario Coroner's office. Our police service has provided support in this critical work by assisting Survivors in speaking with or being interviewed by JPSTF investigators as part of the investigation into unmarked burials connected to the Mohawk Institute. Additionally, we have been involved in the ground-penetrating radar (GPR) work. Through these actions, we have come to understand the profound importance of truth-telling in the healing journey of Indian Residential School Survivors, and we urge all to empathize with their journey.

We fully support the Secretariats' ongoing efforts, and, more importantly, we are committed to supporting them in their mission. We add our voice to the call for Canada to restore the urgently needed funding for investigations into missing children and unmarked burials.

As the lead agency of the Police Task Force, the SNPS presents this statement in solidarity with the Survivors' Secretariat and the Survivors' Group. We are committed to ensuring that this essential work continues with adequate and sustainable funding, so that all communities may locate and recover the children who died at the Mohawk Institute. We want to reassure the public that we are dedicated to this cause and will continue to work towards it with confidence.

Sincerely and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Montour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

Darren Montour
Chief of Police
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