



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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MCA STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR MIK'MAQ

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is standing in solidarity with the Sipekne'katik First Nation in Nova Scotia in their effort to uphold their inherent right to fish. Acts of violence and racism cannot be tolerated.

Our Mohawk community of Akwesasne has experienced our own challenges throughout history maintaining our right to fish, our right to healthy fish, and our right to protect and live off our vast rivers. Our relationship with the water is a part of who we are as Indigenous people.

Hunting and fishing are a part of our culture and way of life, and all Indigenous people have this in common. We are the caretakers of the earth and our connection to all land and sea began with our existence. Any attempts to extinguish our traditional practices is an attempt at cultural genocide.

We send our support to the Mi'kmaq people and we call on the Government of Canada to protect them against the hate crimes and devastation taking place.