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December 10, 2020

Chief Larson Anderson
Norway House Cree Nation
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Dear Chief Larson Anderson:

RE: Acknowledgement of Notice of Intent under An Act Respecting First Nation, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families

Thank you for your correspondence dated September 23, 2020, which was provided by the Northern Authority, relating to Norway House Cree Nation (NHCN) to be recognized as the Indigenous Governing Body under Section 12 of the Federal Legislation for your community members. As shared in your correspondence NHCN delegates the notice of significant measure to your community CFS agency, Kino Sao Sipi Minisowin Agency (KSMA) and the interim Executive Director, Rhonda Apetagon.

As Assistant Deputy Minister for the Child and Youth Services Division within the department of Manitoba Families, I am pleased to follow-up.

We will be forwarding this important notification to our Child and Family Services Authority partners and they will be responsible to share the information with their CFS agencies. Manitoba has also begun initial work to post notifications under Federal legislation, Section 12 received by Indigenous Governing Body to our government site.

At this time the Manitoba government continues to request detailed information from Canada regarding the process requirements to move forward under the new federal legislation, which will allow all partners to begin productive and meaningful technical discussions on moving towards the transfer of jurisdiction for Indigenous child welfare.

Achieving better outcomes for our children and youth is a priority for this government and for all Manitobans. I recognize the important role Indigenous knowledge and traditions have in reaching this goal. As well, we recognize the leadership shown by the Norway House Cree Nation to advance their community's participation and efforts to improve

service and supports for children, youth and families and look forward to our ongoing relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christy Holnbeck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christy Holnbeck
Assistant Deputy Minister

Cc: Honourable Heather Stefanson, Minister of Families
Ron Monias, Chief Executive Officer, First Nations of Northern Manitoba Child
and Family Services Authority
Theresa Stevens, Acting Interim Executive Director, Southern First Nation Network
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