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To Whom It May Concern:

The Chief and Council, undersigned, support the research proposed by our Band member, Allis Pakki Chipps-Sawyer for the completion of her Ph.D. dissertation.

We understand that Pakki Chipps will be creating an interactive multimedia program with information on our hereditary knowledge and rights in order to preserve information that may be lost and in order to provide our family with a teaching tool for this information. We support the creation of this program as well as the travels to other family members in North America in order to bring our family into closer contact. We urge our family members to help Pakki Chipps with her work and to participate in a meeting to evaluate the completed Dissertation and interactive multimedia program.

We also understand that Pakki Chipps will be attempting to gather copies of documents and artifacts belonging to our family that are presently held by public collections, private collectors, and researchers. We support this effort and urge all who hold such information to freely share with Pakki Chipps for the benefit of our family.

We further understand that any information that Pakki Chipps gathers will be reviewed by those who provide the information and that the Elders, the teachers, will be fully able to decide what information may be used for family only, what may be included in the dissertation, and what should be removed or not used at all. The Elders will receive a copy of any information they have given and they will receive a copy of the final Dissertation and interactive multimedia program when it is completed. Pakki Chipps is aware that the Elders are the teachers and she is merely the student.

Signed,

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