



CHIEFS OF ONTARIO

MEDIA ADVISORY

FIRST NATIONS COMMEMORATE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF NIAGARA

TORONTO, ON (August 1, 2014) — First Nation leaders, Elders and citizens from across the region will gather along the Niagara River for two days to commemorate, celebrate and discuss the 250th Anniversary of the Treaty of Niagara.

To mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of this Treaty there will be a gathering of representatives of the Indigenous Nations which negotiated a Treaty of Peace with Sir William Johnson on behalf of Great Britain and the Crown.

The Treaty of Niagara was both historic and significant as a turning point in relations between the Indigenous Nations and the Crown. It was 1764 when at least 24 Indigenous Nations from across the region gathered at Fort George in what is now the city of Niagara-on-the-Lake to sign a Treaty of Peace with Great Britain. Better known as the Treaty of Niagara, the 250th anniversary and commemoration events will occur August 1, 2 where it was originally signed.

Media Availability:

Date: Saturday, August 2, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. – Welcoming:

- Host Elder
- Co-Chairs: Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Grand Chief Gord Peters and Six Nations Chief Ava Hill
- Convent Chain of Friendship – Teaching
- Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee
- Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer
- Exchanging of presents – and teaching on gift exchange

12:00 a.m. – Media/Photo-Op (at the stone marker/wampum belt)

1:00 p.m. – Symposium (closed to media)

Location: Fort George National Historic Site, 26 Queens Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake

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