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PUBLIC NOTICE — DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Date: July 6, 2026
From: Office of the Chief and Council, Musk-kosiminiziibing
To: Community Members · Musk-kosiminiziibing Band Council · Ontario Fire Marshal's Office & Emergency Management (OFMEM) · Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) · Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF) · Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotowangag Resource Council (AKRC) · Neighbouring communities
Re: Declaration of a State of Emergency — Assabaska Heritage Park

DECLARATION

On **July 6, 2026**, Chief Lynn Indian, on behalf of the Chief and Council of Musk-kosiminiziibing, has declared a **State of Emergency at Assabaska Heritage Park** due to severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings issued for the region.

This declaration is made under the authority of the Chief to declare a state of emergency within the Community of Musk-kosiminiziibing — as recognized by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office & Emergency Management and established under the community's Emergency Response Plan (Band Council Resolution #03-03-20) — consistent with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY

Severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings have been issued for the Lake of the Woods region. These conditions constitute a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons and substantial damage to property. Assabaska Heritage Park is an open, exposed shoreline site, presenting heightened risk to visitors and staff during high winds, lightning, and tornado activity.

DIRECTIVES — EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

- 1. Assabaska Heritage Park is CLOSED to all entry until further notice.**
- 2.** All visitors, campers, and staff currently on site must leave the park immediately and seek safe shelter away from the shoreline and exposed areas.
- 3.** No person is to enter the park until this State of Emergency is terminated and the site is declared safe.

SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- Monitor Environment Canada weather alerts and local radio/social media for updates.
- Shelter indoors, away from windows; if in a mobile or temporary structure, move to a sturdy building.

- Avoid travel near the shoreline and wooded areas during the warning period.
- Call 911 for any life-threatening emergency.

DURATION AND TERMINATION

This State of Emergency remains in effect until terminated by the Chief or Alternate. Conditions will be reassessed as weather warnings are updated. Enquiries may be directed to the Office of the Chief and Council at chief@biggrassy.ca.

Declared by: Chief Lynn Indian, Musk-kosiminiziibing

Signed on behalf of Chief Lynn Indian (Alternate / Designate):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jasneet Mander', written over a horizontal line.

Jasneet Mander

Social Emergency Manager / Incident Commander

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