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A Message from the Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee

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On June 26, 2007, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the proposed rules for land and sea crossing. Since then, the Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee (HDC) is thoroughly analyzing the proposed rules for the impact on Haudenosaunee citizens. Upon initial review, these proposed rules raise many questions. In order to find the answers to these questions, the HDC is scheduling meetings with officials in Washington, DC.

The interviews with the ID card companies are going well and they are very eager to meet our demands. More interviews are scheduled to determine which ID card company will develop the new Haudenosaunee ID card and Passport. Also, the HDC is educating the Haudenosaunee Councils on several aspects of the ID card system: the application process, the development and design of the card, the security features of the card and system, cost, etc. These are just a few examples of how the HDC is continuing on to fulfill its mandate: to interface with the US and Canadian Governments regarding the political and technical development of the new Haudenosaunee ID cards and passports.

On Saturday July 21, 2007, the Indian Defense League of America (IDLA) is presenting the "80th Annual Free Border Crossing Celebration." This event is to commemorate the Jay Treaty of 1794 - Restoring to Indians of North America Free Border Crossing. The parade will assemble at 10:00 am at South Avenue and 10th Street, Niagara Falls, NY (north end of Main Street). The parade proceeds to Niagara Falls, Ontario via Whirlpool Rapids Bridge at 11:45 am. Program begins at 1:30 pm at Oakes Park, Ontario, Canada. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this celebration. For more information contact Noreen K. Hill, Celebration Committee Chairwoman (716) 284-5278.

The IDLA is assisting the HDC in dealing with border crossing problems. If a citizen is delayed at the border because of documentation, the IDLA suggests that he remain cooperative while gathering this information: Name of border guard, his Badge #, the time and location of incident. Most instances are rather short, if the delay becomes lengthy, this information will be helpful in creating a record of the incident. For more information on the IDLA please contact Beverly Hill, President (716) 297-5297.

If you, our Haudenosaunee Citizens, have any questions or comments please contact us at the numbers above, or contact your Council of Chiefs, Clan Mothers and Faithkeepers.