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Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke responds to fraudulent Notice of Navigation and Travel Restriction

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The Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke offer greetings and thanksgiving. As the custodians of Haudenosaunee interest in Kahnawà:ke, it is the responsibility of the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke to respond to the fraudulent Notice of Navigation and Travel Restriction that has strangely appeared within our territories.

The Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke feels this irresponsible statement has the potential to invite unwanted aggression and danger all upon citizens of the Haudenosaunee and feel compelled to intervene and denounce the notice as a fraudulent and unauthorized proclamation.

While the Mohawk Nation certainly maintains a sovereign claim over the waterways within its territory, the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke have not authorized any action by its men to interrupt the safe flow of shipping traffic within the St. Lawrence River. Furthermore, the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke would also like to clarify that the Haudenosaunee Grand Council of Chiefs has never created any political relationship with countries like Iraq and Afghanistan. Such irresponsible and fraudulent claims can mislead other nations to label our people as terrorists.

At this time, the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke has not yet identified the initial source of this fraudulent proclamation, but nevertheless assures all peoples that it has not been endorsed by our clans in council nor will it tolerate such provocative fabrications. At the same time, the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawake would like to make clear that it is in no way affiliated with the Mohawk Nation News Service who initially published this news item.

The Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke express this message in unity with other communities of the Mohawk Nation.

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