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MKO Congratulates and Acknowledges Brady Keeper of the Pimicikamak Cree Nation on Making his NHL Debut

PRESS RELEASE

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Treaty One Territory, Winnipeg, MB. Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Grand Chief Garrison Settee issued the following statement today on behalf of MKO, congratulating Brady Keeper of the Pimicikamak Cree Nation on making his NHL debut last night in Ottawa against the Senators. Brady was chosen third star of the game and participated in the ceremonial opening face-off, along with the leaders of the three national Indigenous organizations, as the Senators recognized and honoured Indigenous peoples as part of their Reconciliation efforts.

“On behalf of the MKO Chiefs, the Executive Council of Chiefs, and all MKO communities, I offer sincere and heartfelt congratulates to Brady and his family on this momentous and historic occasion,” said Grand Chief Settee. “Brady’s accomplishment cannot be underestimated or minimized, because it is truly a feat of historical proportions that will resonate throughout the entire MKO and inspire all Indigenous peoples across the country for many years to come. I also recognize and acknowledge all organizations and people over the years who have nurtured Brady’s talent and supported him to overcome significant barriers on his way to the NHL.”

“As a proud member of the Pimicikamak Cree Nation, I was overcome with emotion and pride in witnessing Brady’s NHL debut last night against the Ottawa Senators,” continued Grand Chief Settee. “Along with several Pimicikamak Cree Nation band members, we watched with exhilaration from Winnipeg as Brady made history with the ceremonial face-off and his first shift as a NHL defenseman. It was a moment we will never forget as Pimicikamak Cree Nation members, and we feel a great deal of pride as our community is now profiled and is widely known in the media as the home of Brady Keeper.”

“Brady, however, represents all Manitoba First Nations and will be an important leader and role model for all First Nations youth in Manitoba as they aspire to accomplish their goals and reach their dreams,” concluded Grand Chief Settee.

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