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For Immediate Release:

STATEMENT OF M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION CHIEF AND COUNCIL

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On April 7, 2021 the Chief and Council passed Band Council Resolution #4501 supporting the M'Chigeeng First Nation and its members Treaty Right to fish for sustenance during the Provincial State of Emergency and Stay at Home Order.

WELLNESS CENTRE
61 Lakeview Drive
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What this means is that the Chief and Council asserts on behalf of the First Nation and their Members their treaty right to fish and has the sovereign authority to do so. This treaty right is firstly an inherent right of our people. Secondly, this right is protected by the s. 35 of the Constitution and by Section 25 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

LAKEVIEW SCHOOL
18 Lakeview Dr.
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The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act cannot deviate from the Charter as described in Section **7.0.2 (1)** of the Act. M'Chigeeng First Nation has historically accessed the Rivers, Lakes and Streams in our Treaty Territory to exercise our Treaty Right to Fish since time immemorial in various locations in our Territory. To be clear this does not give a person a right to access private individual owned properties off reserve.

BINOOJINH GAMGOONHS DAY CARE
4 Assance Dr.
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We will continue to support our band member harvesters with this inherent right and will require them to do so by **wearing a mask, social distancing and not gathering in large groups while exercising their protected right. This also means that the Council expects that our members will be respectful to anyone they may be in contact with while peacefully exercising their right.** These requirements must be met by our members.

We have not been consulted, nor advised of any Order that any townships and/or municipalities may or may not have invoked in relation to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act in our Treaty Territory. There is no public notice nor notice on any Municipality or Township websites.

That said, the Council has provided a Statement to the Ontario Provincial Police in relation to any attempted charges. If you encounter police authorities while exercising your right we ask that you be respectful and if you receive any charges, please contact Art Jacko, Enaagdenjeng at the Administration Office at 705-377-5362 and provide documentation that you may receive.

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