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The AFNQL Marks the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Wendake, August 9, 2019 – Twenty-five years ago today, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed August 9 as the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) wishes to mark this anniversary and takes this opportunity to draw attention to the issue of Indigenous languages.

The proclamation of the International Year of the World's Indigenous Languages by the United Nations signals that it is imperative to focus attention on the critical loss of languages around the world. This is an emergency that threatens cultures and valuable traditional knowledge.

“As Indigenous Peoples, we are heirs to a great linguistic and cultural diversity, as well as to ancestral customs and traditions. We have a duty to affirm the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote them, both nationally and internationally. Today is also an opportunity to celebrate them,” stated Ghislain Picard, Chief of the AFNQL.

Indigenous Peoples represent some 5,000 different cultures around the world and speak the vast majority of the world's approximately 7,000 languages.

About the AFNQL

The Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador is the political organization regrouping 43 Chiefs of the First Nations in Quebec and Labrador. Follow us on Twitter @APNQL.

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