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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**

## **Chief Ghislain Picard and Mrs. Joséphine Bacon honored with a *Honoris Causa* Doctorate by the Université du Québec à Montréal**

*Wendake, October 26, 2021* – The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) is proud to highlight the awarding of an *Honoris Causa* Doctorate degree by the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) to Mr. Ghislain Picard, Chief of the AFNQL and, to Ms. Joséphine Bacon, Innu writer and poetess.

Throughout his career, Chief Picard has continually demonstrated his commitment to the principles of collaboration and respect. As a tireless defender of First Nations rights, he diligently pursues his work and confronts each battle along the path towards self-determination of our Peoples.

Chief Picard is Innu from the community of Pessamit. Since 1992, he has held the position of Chief of the AFNQL. In this capacity, he sits on the Executive Committee as well as on the Management Committee of the Assembly of First Nations and acts as the main spokesperson for the Justice and Public Safety files.

On October 28, 2003, Mr. Picard was made a Knight of the National Order of Quebec. He received the insignia of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur from the Consul General of France on January 24, 2005.

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### **About the AFNQL**

The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador is the political organization that brings together 43 First Nations Chiefs in Quebec and Labrador.

### **SOURCE**

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