

February 7, 2018

Elected Chief and Council Six Nations of the Grand River Box 5001, Ohsweken, ON NOA 1MO

Dear Six Nations of the Grand River Child Welfare Colleagues,

## RE: Official Designation of Ogwadeni:deo

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Brant Family and Children's Services, we would like to congratulate you all on the recent designation of Ogwadeni:deo as a children's aid society.

Our Agency has been proud and honoured to have provided child protection and welfare services to the Six Nations community, in a culturally respectful manner, since entering into a collaborative partnership with your Council in 1957. We are no less proud and honoured to see responsibility for these services conferred onto your newly designated agency — Ogwadeni:deo.

Please know that Brant FACS fully supports the inherent right of First Nations to self government and determination and that we are heartfelt in recognizing your endeavours to serve the members of the Six Nations Band.

Congratulations once again and we look forward to working alongside you to ensure the safety of all of our children and youth, as well as the well-being of all of the families in our collective communities. Wishing you all the best and much success, we remain

Yours truly,

Paul Whittam Board President

Cc: Brant FACS Board of Directors

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Andrew Koster
Executive Director



