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**Ms. Édith Cloutier, President of the *Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec*, is made *Chevalier* of the *Ordre national du Québec*.**

**Wendake, June 20, 2006** – The *Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec* (RCAAQ) is proud to announce that Ms. Édith Cloutier, President of the RCAAQ, will be made *Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Québec* today.

The Prime Minister will be presenting Ms. Cloutier with the insignia of *Chevalier* of the *Ordre national du Québec* at an official ceremony to be held this afternoon in Quebec City. This highest award by the Government of Quebec emphasizes how Ms. Cloutier's contribution is instrumental in presenting the urban reality of Aboriginals to the Quebec people and beyond its boundaries.

Ms. Cloutier has been militating for over 15 years within the RCAAQ, the provincial association of Native friendship centres. Furthermore, Ms. Madame Cloutier is Executive director of the Native Friendship Centre of Val-d'Or, member of the *Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue* Board of Directors and sits on the Quebec Advisory Committee on the Fight against Poverty and Social Exclusion.

The RCAAQ, which militates in favour of the individual and collective rights and interests of Aboriginals dealing with urban reality, and the centres of Chibougamau, Senneterre, Val d'Or, La Tuque, Montreal and Lanaudière are pleased with this profession of pride awarded to Ms. Cloutier who contributes to the exposure of the whole Native Friendship Centre Movement of Quebec.

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