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REGROUPEMENT DES CENTRES D'AMITIÉ AUTOCHTONES DU QUÉBEC AND RÉSEAU DES CARREFOURS JEUNESSE-EMPLOI DU QUÉBEC FORMALIZE THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH A RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

Wendake, February 12, 2009 – The Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec (RCAAQ) and the Réseau des carrefours jeunesse-emploi du Québec (RCJEO), have made their mutual commitment official with the establishment of a relationship agreement. The agreement was signed by RCAAQ president Édith Cloutier and executive director Josée Goulet and by RCJEO president Monique Sauvé and executive director Francis Côté in the presence of their respective members.

Previously adopted in Quebec City in the presence of the members of the RCJEO and ratified today at the First Nations Hotel-Museum in Wendake, this agreement serves to formalize the relationship established between the two organizations in mutual recognition of the shared values held by them.

The RCJEO develops services adapted to the needs of young people in order to promote their personal, social, economic and occupational autonomy. For its part, the Native Friendship Centre Movement in Quebec, faced by the important population growth in the First Nations, is concerned by the growing segment of young people within the Aboriginal population and has made taking action in this regard one of its priorities.

Through the agreement, the RCAAQ and RCJEO will share their expertise and experience in keeping with their mutual mission and their respective mandates. "This is a historic agreement which will bring our present and future generations closer together," said RCJEO president Monique Sauvé.

RCAAQ president Édith Cloutier added that "the agreement is an initiative which fully points to the ways in which mutual understanding can be built up between peoples and will combine its efforts with those of other partnerships that seek to improve the quality of life of Aboriginal youths in the urban setting."

The RCAAQ works to promote the rights and interests of the urban Aboriginal community and is committed to the effort to foster greater awareness of the urban Aboriginal reality by sharing its expertise and experience in the organization of services for urban Aboriginal people.



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The RCJEO serves as an association for the youth employment centres in Quebec. Its mission in that role is to represent and support its members and to work alongside them in developing, promoting and defending strategic orientations which, in being adapted to the needs of communities, foster the personal, social, economic and occupational autonomy of young adults.

The RCAAQ and the RCJEO are pleased by the ratification of their partnership agreement, which reflects the spirit of collaboration uniting them in the work to achieve common objectives on behalf of youths.

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