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FSIN and the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council Announce Opening of 2nd Regina Urban First Nations Traditional Healing Camp

Wednesday, August 23, 2006 – FSIN Third Vice-Chief Delbert Wapass, responsible for Health and Social Development and the Office of Urban Development, and Tribal Chief Dean Bellegarde of the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, are pleased to co-sponsor the 2nd Urban First Nations Healing Camp, held at the Gathering Place.

Vice-Chief Wapass stated, “The overwhelming success of the first Urban Healing Camp we held in June along with the many, many phone calls from our urban membership requesting another camp have been the driving forces for this second opportunity to join with First Nations citizens. Day One of this Camp will allow the Urban Membership to participate, while Day Two will allow the neighbouring First Nations to make appointments and participate.”

“Partnerships, such as the one we have with the FSIN, are a great opportunity to learn more about First Nations traditional healing and health practices,” says Tribal Chairperson Dean Bellegarde of the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council.

The FSIN and the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council are holding an official ceremony to open the second Urban First Nations Healing Camp. Regina City Councillor Sharon Bryce will also attend the media conference.

After the first Healing Camp, there were many participants on a waiting list from visiting with one of the Healers. Vice Chief Wapass reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that these types of gatherings will be held in the future.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. The Federation is committed to honouring the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties as well as the promotion, protection and implementation of the Treaty promises that were made more than a century ago.

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