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(Amiskwacîwâskahikan, Wocodaki) The Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations Chiefs extend their congratulations to the newly elected AFN National Chief RoseAnne Archibald.

This is a historic day, RoseAnne Archibald was the first woman to run for National Chief for the AFN in 1991, and today she was elected National Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. As a matriarch, she has committed to the wellbeing of First Nations children, youth, jurisdictional issues, people and Nations. She has indicated that she will stand with Treaty First Nations, be present in our communities and together with us will address the impact of state laws and policies.

Grand Chief Okimaw Vernon Watchmaker stated that "National Chief RoseAnne Archibald will certainly be an ally for the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, in asserting our inherent and treaty rights. She reached out the Chiefs and we had an opportunity to discuss the concerns that we have with the state, and the National and Regional AFN office. We look forward to forging a new path with the National Chief. One that has respect for the Nations, and honours our sovereignty"

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