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Friday May 19, 2017 **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

NAN STATEMENT ON JOSIAH BEGG

THUNDER BAY, ON: Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, on behalf of the Executive Council, expressed heartfelt condolences following the recovering of a body believed to be 14-year-old Josiah Begg in Thunder Bay last night:

> "For more than a week we have hoped and prayed that Josiah's disappearance would not end in tragedy. We have every reason to believe that our worst fears have come true, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the entire Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug community. We greatly appreciate the efforts of the Thunder Bay Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, all organizations and everyone who participated in, and supported, the search for Josiah. Nothing can reduce the grief for his family and community, but we are eager to learn the circumstances around his tragic passing in the hope that similar tragedies can be prevented."

Josiah Begg was last seen on Saturday May 6, 2017 while in Thunder Bay with his father for a medical appointment. What is believed to be his body was discovered on May 18, 2017 in the McIntyre River between Simpson Street and Island Drive.

Note to Media: We are asking media to please respect privacy of the families and direct all requests to NAN.

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