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The AFNQL supports the approach of the Algonquin for the recognition of their rights

Ottawa, April 21, 2010 - This morning, a delegation represented by the Algonquin Anishinabeg Tribal Council from seven Algonquin communities walked from Victoria Island to the Parliament in Ottawa in a reaffirmation of their rights to the land from which they have been unfairly cast out. "Governments can't continue to deny the rights of the first inhabitants of this territory; they cannot consistently hide behind failed policies and shove the settlement of our grievances under a rug," said Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, Ghislain Picard, at the rally outside the parliament building in Canada.

Chief Picard applauds the Anishinabeg Algonquin Nation Tribal Council and calls on governments to assume their responsibilities. "First Nations are tired of the status quo and being witness to the destruction of their land not ceded. The time has come to recognize our rights as they are ", he said.

About the AFNQL:

The AFNQL is the regional body that brings together 43 Chiefs of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador. For more information, visit their website at www.apnql-afnql.com.

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