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Health Services Hires Nationally Experienced Director *Mike Cook Brings Decades of Healthcare Leadership Home to Akwesasne*

Akwesasne – The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe proudly welcomes Michael Cook as our new Director of Health Services, starting March 31, 2014. Mike’s experience brings thirty years of Indian Health Services leadership and knowledge home to our people. Mike returns to Akwesasne most recently from Syracuse, where he has been responsible for oversight of Contract Health Services programs for the Nashville Area Offices of Indian Health Service. Mike has served as the Executive Director of the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), been the Director of Governmental Programs and Services of the Oneida Indian Nation, the Health Administrator of the Oneida Indian Health Program and the Deputy Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at Oklahoma University in Oklahoma.

Chief Ron LaFrance welcomes Mike back to Health Services, stating, “we are honored Mike has chosen to bring his experience, leadership and expertise to the Health Services Team.” Mike previously led our organization for ten years from 1980-1990. Chief Beverly Cook echoed the welcome and remarked, “Mike’s vision is to continue to strengthen the programs Health Services has worked so hard to create. We are very confident in Mike’s leadership.”

Mike received both his Bachelor and Masters of Business Administration from Clarkson University in 1990. He’s a graduate of Salmon River and attended the St. Regis Mohawk School. Mike is married to Lisa, and they have five children. Mike is the son of James “Jimmy” Cook and the late Virginia Cook, the proud grandfather of six, and an avid Habs and Patriots fan. Mike shares how he is “honored to have been selected to be a member of the highly renowned Saint Regis Mohawk Health Services team of health professionals. The opportunity to come home is priceless.”

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and our Tribal members, welcome home Mike.

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