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Tribe Adopts Sex Offender Registration Ordinance

Akwesasne Territory— On October 25, 2010, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council adopted the *St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Sex Offender Registration and Notification Ordinance*, (SORNA), in response to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (Public Law 109-248). The Tribe has elected to participate in the National Sex Offender Registry System as a registration jurisdiction, which means sex offenders working, going to school or residing on the Akwesasne territory will now have to register with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police. “This is a big step in being able to continue to provide a safe and secure community,” remarked Monica Jacobs. “We owe a big debt of gratitude to our staff who put this ordinance together.”

Registered sex offenders must comply with registration requirements imposed by the Tribe’s ordinance. The Tribe will be maintaining a public website for community members to access information on sex offenders who may be on the territory. Public notification may also be made to the community when a registered sex offender enters the Tribe’s jurisdiction. If a person required to register fails to do so, they may be subject to further state or federal criminal penalties. “We are taking responsibility for our own community,” said St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Officer Hawi Thomas. “This alleviates the State of New York from having to keep track of sex offenders in the territory.” Officer Thomas is the person responsible for maintaining the tribe’s registry. She further noted, “As the awareness has risen with the work on the ordinance, our work at the Tribal Police has also become more diligent in those sensitive cases. Our community has had sex offenders in it for generations and having an ordinance in place allows us to heighten our own standards and keep track of those individuals.”

The ordinance is available on the Tribe’s website at www.srmt-nsn.gov. For more information, please contact the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police at 518-358-9200 or the Legal Department at 518-358-2272.

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