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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Common Voice Northwest Says No to Cuts at CBC**

Thunder Bay: The Common Voice Northwest Board of Directors have joined a growing chorus of voices from across the Northwest who are opposing the cuts to the region's CBC station. At its regular meeting the Board adopted a resolution which not only outlined the impact of the cuts on the region but called on the CBC "to cancel all planned staff and programming cuts at the Northwestern Ontario CBC station."

Common Voice Northwest President George Macey pointed out that the "CBC's Northwestern Ontario operation is essential for the sharing of information and stories across the region, and the loss of over one third of the employees will severely handicap the ability of the remaining staff to provide information on the region as a whole." "We cannot allow the CBC to reduce our ability to talk to each other on a daily basis" he said.

The resolution will be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the President of the CBC and the M.P.s and M.P.P.s who represent Northwestern Ontario and in particular the coverage area of the Northwestern Ontario CBC Radio Station and its repeater stations, all Northwestern Ontario Municipalities, the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Northern Superior Chiefs, and Grand Council Treaty 3.

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Resolution attached

## CBC RESOLUTION

Whereas the CBC has announced that 6 of the 14 positions at Northwestern Ontario's CBC Station will be laid off, and

Whereas CBC's Northwestern Ontario operation is essential for the sharing of information and stories across the region, and

Whereas a loss of over one third of the employees will severely handicap the ability of the remaining staff to provide information on the region as a whole,

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that with respect to the shortfall in funding for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) we endorse an increase of Federal funding for the CBC;

AND THAT Common Voice Northwest call on the CBC to cancel all planned staff and programming cuts at the Northwestern Ontario CBC station;

AND THAT the jobs involved in the delivery of CBC local and regional programming be retained in Northwestern Ontario and across Canada;

AND THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the President of the CBC and the M.P.s and M.P.P.s who represent Northwestern Ontario and in particular the coverage area of the Northwestern Ontario CBC Radio Station and its repeater stations, all Northwestern Ontario Municipalities, the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Northern Superior Chiefs, and Grand Council Treaty 3;