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Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning Thanks Sovereign Insurance for Second Donation and Commitment to Reconciliation

Northwest Territories, January 15, 2024 – Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning, an organization dedicated to Dene cultural preservation and revitalization through education, and Tanya Tourangeau (of Tanya T Consulting), a proud Dene from NWT and Reconciliation Strategist, extend their deepest gratitude to Sovereign Insurance for their generous donation of \$50,000. This donation follows a previous contribution of \$5,000 made earlier in 2023.

Dechinta recognizes the profound impact of fostering a strong connection to the land and empowering Indigenous self-determination. With the support of Sovereign Insurance, Dechinta has been able to deliver ongoing programs to students, promoting cultural resurgence, decolonization, and addressing gender-based violence. This donation enables Dechinta to continue its mission of intergenerational reconnection to the land and traditional knowledge among Dene and Inuvialuit communities in the North.

“As part of Sovereign’s Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) journey and ongoing commitment towards Reconciliation, we are dedicated to collaborating, building bridges, and fostering relationships with Indigenous communities,” said Colette Taylor, COO Sovereign Insurance. “This donation represents an important investment in The Dechinta Center for Research and Learning’s mission and demonstrates one way that we can play a role in creating tangible change for generations to come.”

Reconciliation Strategist, Tanya Tourangeau, encourages all businesses to support reconciliation, and helped recommend Dechinta as the recipient of Sovereign’s donation. “It signifies the business is committed to playing a role in starting the healing process with Indigenous peoples, recognizing there has been economic disparities and exclusion with economic development, and that there is a way to build partnerships and leverage strengths together to find those win-wins,” said Tanya. “I believe that together, we can forge a path towards prosperity and unity by embracing Reconciliation and honoring Indigenous rights.”

Dechinta expresses sincere appreciation to Sovereign Insurance and Tanya Tourangeau for their unwavering support. “Mahsi cho! The impact of these donations directly contributes to the continuation of Dene culture and education, strengthening community health and well-being, and fostering a sense of connection to the land and positive identity among the students and staff of Dechinta.” said Kelsey Wrightson, Executive Director of Dechinta.

Dechinta has already witnessed the transformative effects of land-based programs, as students experience increased self-esteem, pride, and confidence on the land and within their

communities. The donations exemplify the shared responsibility and unity necessary for lasting solutions and stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

To learn more about Dechinta and our efforts in cultural preservation and revitalization, visit www.dechinta.ca.

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