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## **Announcement – Holiday Address to Denendeh FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**December 20, 2021, Denendeh, NWT** – The Dene National Chief/Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief NWT Gerald Antoine wishes to extend the following holiday message to the people of Denendeh and our Relations far and wide.

During this holiday season our focus is on coming together. We have been blessed with the opportunity to find new ways to connect our Dene values and principles of sharing, respect, caring, equality, self-respect and pride in every action and word.

The past year has brought us challenges that gave us the opportunity to turn to each other to get through trying times together. Our work at the Dene Nation is to protect the rights and interests of Denendeh. The Dene Nation team has partnered with Federal agencies, held talks with the GNWT and our community partners.

As the newly elected Dene National Chief, I want to express my vision of unity, peace and understanding that is focused on the person, the family, our community. An important lesson from the pandemic is that we have learned to ask each other what we can do to help one another. We have learned to rest our fears and trust our neighbors. Most importantly, that family and friends are the backbone of who we are and how we carry on our traditions with pride.

In closing, from myself, my family, and the staff at the Dene Nation, we wish to share our peace, love & happiness with you and your family. We look forward to a new year and new possibilities.

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