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Dene National Chief/Regional Chief -AFN-NT Election 2024: Announcement of Candidates for the Office of the Dene National Chief

[MAY 24, 2024- YELLOWKNIFE, DENENDEH] – The Office of the Returning Officer, responsible for the election of the Dene National Chief and Regional Chief for Assembly of First Nations, Northwest Territories), has received nomination papers in proper form from the following persons listed below, in alphabetical order by last name:

- a) Antoine, Gerald
- b) Cheezie, Gerry
- c) Chinna, Paulie
- d) Mackenzie, George,
- e) Martel, April
- f) Yak'eula, Norman

ELIGIBILITY TO RUN FOR ELECTION

Any descendant of the Dene who is a resident of the Northwest Territories and whose name is on the registry of descendants of the Dene may seek election as Dene National Chief/ Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief NWT. Nominations opened on April 26, 2024, and closed on May 24, 2024, at 5:00 pm Mountain Time.

Candidates were required to be nominated by five active members of the Dene Nation including two current Chiefs of the Dene Nation.

NOTICE OF ELECTION FORMAT

The election of the Dene National Chief/AFN Regional Chief NWT will be a hybrid of in-person and electronic voting, ensuring that all eligible voters can participate, regardless of their location. In-person voting will take place at the Dene National Assembly in Rádıłı Kóé, Sahtu Dene Territory (Fort Good Hope) on July 24, 2024.

Electronic voting will be available from July 14, 2024, to July 24, 2024. The Returning Officer will provide details on how to access and use the electronic voting system to all eligible voters after the close of nominations.

Electoral inquiries:

Please direct any questions regarding the election to Kit Spence at:

Email: returningofficer@denenation.com Text: 250-881-0142 or Toll Free: 1 (877) 541-9017

Media Inquiries:

Please contact candidates directly for media inquiries using the campaign contact information provided below:

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Phone: 867-446-6467

Chinna, Paulie

Email: paulie_chinna@hotmail.com

Phone: 867-587-6799

Mackenzie, George

Email: mackenziegeorge74@gmail.com

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Martel, April

Email: april_martel1@yahoo.ca

Phone: 867-875-0111

Yak'eula, Norman

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*A brief press conference will take place on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10am. Please RSVP communications@denenation.com to obtain the live link.

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