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## **The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and South Beach Casino & Resort Commit \$1 million to Canadian Museum for Human Rights**

WINNIPEG—The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and South Beach Casino & Resort have committed \$1 million to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

“The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is proud to support the Canadian Museum for Human Rights” said Ron Evans, Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. “In 2007, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a resolution to support the Museum. The First Nations stories and themes throughout the Museum will share the true history and stories of our people. This is a great opportunity for us as First Nations to educate the citizens of the world, not only on the historical injustices that we continue to endure, but also the resilience of our people, the teachings we can offer related to peace and justice, and the great progress we have achieved in protecting and advancing our rights.”

“As a First Nations-owned business, we think it’s fitting that our largest commitment to date will help promote understanding and respect for human rights—an issue central to all communities and all peoples, including Canadian First Nations,” said South Beach board chair Furlon Barker. “We are committed to sharing our success with all Manitobans, and over the last three years, South Beach Casino & Resort has committed approximately \$2.3 million to charitable organizations and community projects.”

Grand Chief Evans stated that “The establishment of the Museum will provide tourism opportunities and linkages to museums in First Nations communities, through the creation of a social history corridor, such as the Indian Residential Schools Museum being established in Long Plain First Nation. The establishment of the Museum will also provide employment and training opportunities for our people, which in turn will contribute to the overall economic growth of our great province.”

“The Canadian Museum for Human Rights has always been envisioned as a journey of hope,” said Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights campaign chair, Gail Asper. “Indeed, the very mission of the museum is to promote respect and we believe that educating and enlightening visitors with the stories of First Nations people will help achieve that mission. We view this generous donation as an investment in the future – an investment that will yield dividends of a strengthened and revitalized economy in Manitoba and a more humane and peaceful world for us all.”

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights has been established as a national museum by the Government of Canada. It will explore the subject of human rights in order to enhance people's understanding of human rights, promote respect for others and encourage reflection and dialogue.

Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights is the non-profit registered charity tasked with raising private sector funding for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

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