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DENE NATIONAL CHIEF GEORGE MACKENZIE WELCOMES NEW FEDERAL CABINET APPOINTMENTS

[YELLOWKNIFE, NWT, MAY 13, 2025] – The Dene Nation extends its congratulations to the newly appointed members of the Federal Liberal Party Cabinet, as announced by Prime Minister Carney. We are pleased with the appointment of former Yellowknife Mayor Rebecca Alty as Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations. Her understanding of Northern issues and her commitment to the well-being of our communities make her a capable choice for this important role for the Dene and Indigenous Nations.

We also commend the appointment of former Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty, elected in the northern Quebec riding of Abitibi-Baie-James-Nunavik-Eeyou, as Minister of Indigenous Services. Her dedication to Indigenous communities and firsthand experience in northern regions will be invaluable as she takes on this responsibility. Furthermore, we welcome the selection of newly elected Northern Manitoba MP Rebecca Chartrand as Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs. Her understanding of rural and remote communities will be crucial in addressing the unique challenges and opportunities faced by our northern and Arctic communities.

The Dene Nation remains committed to advocating for the solutions and support that our Chiefs and communities require. We are optimistic that these new ministers, with their Indigenous backgrounds and experiences with Northern issues, will be strong partners in advancing the rights and interests of our peoples.

We look forward to working collaboratively with Ministers Alty, Gull-Masty, and Chartrand to ensure that the Dene Nation's voices and concerns are heard and addressed. We expect them to be proactive in addressing the unique challenges and opportunities faced by our northern and Arctic communities. Together, we aim to build a future that respects and uplifts our Indigenous communities across the North.

Signed,

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