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# STATEMENT

**The Council of the Cree Nation of Chisasibi wishes to deliver the following statement for the late Mr. Robbie Matthew on receiving posthumously the Lieutenant Governor of Québec's First Peoples Medal:**

"The Lieutenant Governor's First Peoples Medal recognizes individuals who have made remarkable contributions and who have dedicated their careers to their people. On December 14<sup>th</sup> in Quebec City, among other First Nations recipients, the late Mr. Robbie Matthew, was honoured posthumously with this very prestigious medal, received by his daughter Alexandria Matthew.

The late Robbie was Chief in Chisasibi and went on to be on Council for 25 years. His dedication to his community was always admirable, he helped troubled youth and couples by counselling them and offering wise advice. He always made time to help others and made sure to pass on his traditional knowledge. The late Robbie served on the Justice Committee and was the Chairperson for the Regional Council of Elders. He was also an advocate for social policies and Cree customs.

While the late Robbie travelled the world with his late wife as an Ambassador for the Cree Nation, he constantly strived to educate people about his culture with pride. We would like to take a moment to remember the devotion late Robbie Matthew had for our community and the rights he stood for.

On behalf of the Council of the Cree Nation of Chisasibi, we celebrate the achievements of the late Robbie Matthew. It is so well deserved, he was a humble man with a great passion to serve the people of Eeyou Itschee and beyond."

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF**

Friday, December 15, 2023