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## Elected Council Echoes Calls to Rescind Former Premier's Appointment to the Order of Ontario

Six Nations of the Grand River's Elected Council is standing in solidarity with the Chief and Council of Kettle and Stoney Point, the George Family and with First Nations across Ontario in calling for the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to rescind the appointment of former Premier Mike Harris to the province's highest honour.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell announced the former Premier's addition to the Order of Ontario on Friday, news that has been met with outrage from many First Nations and those who best remember the controversial figure for his role in the death of Anthony "Dudley" George at Ipperwash in 1995.

The tragic circumstances around the shooting death of the unarmed protestor and the role the former Premier played in it were captured in detail in the 2007 *Ipperwash Inquiry Report*. A report that to this day remains unfulfilled. We are asking the government of Ontario to rescind this appointment and to focus on completing the work outline in the Ipperwash Inquiry Report and take hold of the long term solutions to prevent this and further tragedies for occurring again.

"In an age where active, societal debates around state-enforced and executed violence against marginalized groups are taking place, and as monuments to the figures who knowingly contributed to these atrocities continue to fall, this decision seems tone deaf, to say the least," says Elected Chief Mark Hill. "Our communities hearts break thinking of how this decision is affecting Anthony "Dudley" George's family and community."

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