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### **FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT APPLAUDS CREATION OF FIRST NATIONS GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE**

VANCOUVER – The First Nations Summit (FNS) expressed support today for the federal government’s announcement that a First Nations Governance Institute will be created to foster excellence in First Nations governance.

“We are pleased that the federal government has recognized the importance of developing a governance body for First Nations that takes into account the First Nations’ traditions and customs,” said Grand Chief Edward John a member of the First Nations Summit political executive. “The Institute will have a valuable role to play as First Nations exercise self-government.”

Chief John said the FNS believes that the governance initiative will help First Nations promote open, accountable and transparent self-government.

Chief John also said that he and the First Nations Summit are looking forward to working with Herb George (Satsan), who will lead the creation of the Institute and chair its board.

“As past BC Vice-Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Herb George (Satsan) brings a wealth of experience to his new role,” said John.

The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in the treaty negotiation process in British Columbia. Further background information on the Summit may be found at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).

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