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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release – (October 14, 2009) Aboriginal people in Canada are three to five times more likely than those of the general Canadian population to develop diabetes. Aboriginal children are now being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, a condition normally affecting the elderly population. The Native Council of Prince Edward Island invites you to our 2nd Annual Diabetes Open House on October 22, 2009 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. The open house will host organizations related to diabetes and health such as The Kidney Foundation, Murphy's Pharmacy, We Care – Foot Care, PEI Healthy Eating Alliance, Aboriginal Survivors for Healing, and the Canadian Diabetes Association. Traditional foods such as wild rice, squash, seafood chowder, moose, blueberry cake, fruits and vegetables will be served.

The objective of the NCPEI Diabetes and Awareness Program is to increase awareness of diabetes, its risk factors and the value of healthy lifestyles practices. It is also in place to encourage ownership and increase capacity to our members to combat diabetes. This program, funded by Health Canada under the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, is anticipating renewal of funding for 2010 but has yet to receive confirmation. The existence of this program is vital if NCPEI is to continue help address the epidemic of Aboriginal diabetes on Prince Edward Island and for the Canada as a whole.

The diabetes open house is an excellent opportunity for us to educate the public on diabetes, fulfilling our goal to create awareness and prevention on Prince Edward Island. We encourage all Islanders affected in some way by diabetes or who would like to know more to please come and support the NCPEI Diabetes and Awareness Program. The open house will be held at the NCPEI main office at 6 F.J. McAulay Court (off Walker Drive).

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