**Induction Ceremony**

**Longhouse Chief(s)**

**Overview:** This ceremony is used to induct and welcome new Nation/Longhouse Chief(s). It can be used by itself or as a part of a larger ceremony. Adjust wording as necessary to fit needs. This ceremony can be blended with the **Induction-Longhouse Officers** ceremony if necessary to induct all new Longhouse Officers for a coming new term.

**Participants:**

* Chief: Ceremonial Leader
* Anyone else necessary to help or guide the proceedings
* New Longhouse Chief(s)

**Relevant Ceremonial Pieces:** You may wish to incorporate this ceremony with other ceremonial components to form your full ceremony. The following are basic suggestions. Your creativity is your limit.

* Parade to Ceremonial Location
* Sacred Fire Lighting
* Induction or Graduation of members
* Special Awards
* Ceremonial Closing

**CEREMONY**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Chief | It is my honor to induct the new Chief(s) that will lead that Nations of our Longhouse. As each new Chief is called, please step into the mystic circle with your child. |
|  | *(If for Chiefs for multiple nations, the nation names are announced with the new Chiefs name/Indian name. Also call forth the Indian name of each child with each father)* |
|  | You have been chosen (have volunteered) to lead the Nations of our Longhouse for the coming year. This honor, this responsibility has been given to you because your interests and your abilities will be an asset to the position you will hold. The Longhouse cannot help but to benefit from your talents. |
|  | Please answer “I will”, loudly to the following question… Do you, as selected Chiefs of your Nations pledge to give your Nations your whole-hearted support; to put forth your best efforts to help the fathers and children of the tribes under you to find the joys of the father-child relationship; to reaffirm your commitment to the objectives of Native Sons & Daughters Programs; to inform your Nation of Longhouse activities, and to enlist the support of your tribes in aiding the overall program?  |
| New Chief(s): | (LOUDLY) I will! |
| Chief | Having pledged yourself to these things, you are directed to lead the Nations of our Longhouse so they will continue to be solid units of fathers and children striving to preserve the family unit as the guiding force in the lives of our children. This being our united concern, and having accepted your responsibility in front of our Longhouse, you are hereby inducted as Chiefs of our Nations.I ask the Longhouse to applaud these new Chiefs. |
| Chief / ALL | *(Chief shouts the Longhouse salutation, then all repeat/shout in approval)* |
|  |  |

Contributed by: Dearborn Michigan Federation