## Honor the Earth Board Statement Regarding Nahko July 8,2020

It is with great sadness that we learn of accusations against Nahko for sexually inappropriate behavior. In keeping with the gravity of the situation, Nahko took leave from the Honor the Earth Board of Directors on July 1, 2020, in a formal resignation.

Honor the Earth has a policy opposing sexual harassment. We are committed to stand with women in our work.

Honor the Earth, a thirty-year old Indigenous organization, has learned hard lessons from the issues of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior within, and through-out the North America Indigenous projects that we work with. We remain committed to protecting the work of our communities, and the healing needed from intergenerational trauma. Our work continues to be essential and we will do our best.

The Honor the Earth Board of Directors is committed to monitoring the situation and respond accordingly. As Nahko has indicated, his behaviors and hurtful actions are for him to bear, to own, and are his responsibility.

We will pray for resolution and healing. We will pray for the women who are speaking out that they find justice and healing. We hope that the community supports the healing work ahead for our women and communities.

We also hope that healing is supported for Nahko.