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Insulting remark by President Trump sparks response from Dene Nation

Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus responded to the statement made by President Donald Trump, during a meeting last week with American senators, referring to Senator Elizabeth Warren — “Pocahontas is now the face of your party,” — the president gave the nickname several times directing it at the Democratic Party.

“The U.S. President has to be taken to task for that glaring and offensive remark. He is being disrespectful by offending the original inhabitants of North America,” said Erasmus.

The U.S. Senator for Massachusetts Warren admitted that she had Native American ancestry, descendant from Cherokee and Delaware peoples. Erasmus said, “Her claim of having Indian blood is not something to ridicule. Her office needs to be respected and not degraded.”

Elizabeth Ann Warren was a law professor at Harvard Law School for approximately 20 years. As an author of ten books, she has also written more than a hundred articles. She was named one of the ‘Most Influential Lawyers of the Decade’ by the National Law Journal. Warren is a leading figure in the Democratic Party.

“The president is a descendant of immigrants who were welcomed to North America by Native Americans. He is fortunate to be in a country that accepted his ancestors and in this way he needs to show respect and gratitude, rather than mock the original peoples by using the name of Pocahontas in a negative way,” said Erasmus.

Pocahontas was a Native American notable for her association with the colonial settlement at Jamestown, Virginia. There are numerous places, landmarks, and products in the United States that have been named after her.

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