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**Statement from Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian
on the Passing of Chief Earl Old Person**

HELENA, MT (October 15, 2021) – This week the Blackfeet Nation lost a cherished and devoted leader. With humor, wisdom, and fierce determination, Chief Old Person dedicated his life to serving his community and the entire Blackfeet Nation. He was also a champion and friend of higher education, especially the University of Montana. On behalf of Chair Lozar, the Board of Regents, and the Montana University System, I extend my deepest condolences to Chief Old Person’s family and the entire Blackfeet Nation. May his legacy live on through all of us.

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