



POLITICAL UNITY ACCORD

BETWEEN

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs ("AMC")

AND

The Manitoba Keewatinowí Okimakanak ("MKO")

AND

The Southern Chiefs Organization ("SCO")

- A. The relations between First Nations in Manitoba are guided by Customary and Natural Laws given by the Creator.
- B. AMC, MKO and SCO acknowledge that they each possess distinct mandates and that the initiatives, policies and actions adopted by the Grand Chiefs of AMC, MKO and SCO and by the respective Chiefs in Assembly reflect the interests and directions of their respective Chiefs in Assembly.
- C. AMC, MKO and SCO endorse and adopt the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which provides, *inter alia*, at Article 37 that, "Indigenous peoples have the right to the recognition, observance and enforcement of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements concluded with States or their successors and to have States honour and respect such treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements."
- D. AMC, MKO and SCO acknowledge that the respect, recognition and protection of the rights and interests of First Nations and First Nation people in Manitoba can best be achieved through political unity and collaborative action.
- E. AMC, MKO and SCO desire to enter into an Accord to provide for political unity and collaborative action on matters of common interest and to protect and promote the rights and interests of First Nations and First Nation people in Manitoba.

In the spirit of mutual respect and continued cooperation, AMC, MKO and SCO agree as follows:

- 1. AMC, MKO and SCO may enter into agreements to promote political unity and collaborative action where AMC, MKO and SCO agree that a matter is of common interest to the First Nations in Manitoba.
- 2. As part of any agreement to promote political unity and collaborative action, and subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, below, AMC, MKO, and SCO may establish a Technical Advisory Group comprised of AMC, MKO and SCO representatives to develop and recommend and implement an action plan to address the matter of common interest in respect of the matter.

3. The taking of any specific actions or initiatives to further any agreement is subject to endorsement and approval by each of AMC, MKO and SCO.
4. AMC, MKO and SCO as represented by the Grand Chiefs shall meet at least four times per year, or as otherwise agreed, and at each meeting shall include the Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Manitoba Region.
5. AMC, MKO and SCO undertake to translate this Agreement into the languages of the First Nations in Manitoba. These translations shall be affixed to and shall form part of this Agreement.
6. This Agreement shall take effect upon the ratification by each of AMC, MKO and SCO.

Solemnized by Sacred Pipe Ceremony and signed at Treaty Three Territory, this 23rd day of November, 2011.

Resigned this 26th day of October, 2017.

**On behalf of the Assembly of
Manitoba Chiefs:**



Grand Chief Arlen Dumas

**On behalf of the Manitoba
Keewatinowi Okimakanak:**



Grand Chief Sheila North-Wilson

**On behalf of the Southern
Chiefs Organization:**



Grand Chief Jerry Daniels



Elder
First Nation



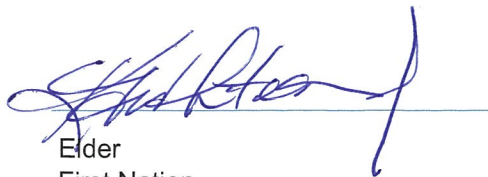
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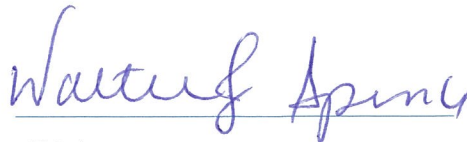
Kevin Hart, Regional Chief
Assembly of First Nations



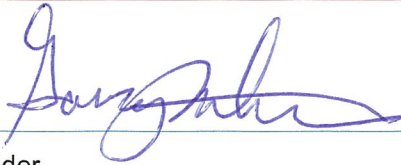
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Elder
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Chief
First Nation

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Chief
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Witness Signature
Name: