

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY
MA-MOW-WE-TAK FRIENDSHIP CENTER
MARCH 4-6, 2014**

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

MAR-14.13

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS GRANTED LEAVE TO
INTERVENE IN THE PICTOU LANDING CASE APPEARING BEFORE
THE FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE**

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc. was granted leave on February 20th, 2014, to intervene in the Pictou Landing Case appearing before the Federal Court of Appeal; and

Seconded by:

Councillor William Lathlin,
Proxy, Opaskwayak Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, this decision concerns the delivery and provision of health care needs to Jeremy Meawasige, a Pictou Landing First Nation teenager with severe and multiple disabilities, comparable to the experience of the late Jordan River Anderson from the Norway House Cree Nation; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in April 2013, the Federal Court of Canada held that Jordan's Principle was not to be interpreted narrowly and was later appealed by the Government of Canada in Jeremy's case; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been permitted by the Federal Court of Appeal to raise the issues of:

- the legal status of Jordan's Principle;
- the complexity of "jurisdictional dispute" extending beyond federal and provincial disputes; and
- offer appropriate remedies that would have broader application; and

WHEREAS, Federal and Provincial bureaucrats in Manitoba have asserted their own definition of Jordan's Principle based on a narrow interpretation resulting in no meaningful implementation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and endorse the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc. in fulfilling the opportunity to intervene in the Pictou Landing case being heard at the Federal Court of Appeal.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief and Secretariat develop a public campaign/communication strategy to achieve greater support and understanding of Jordan's Principle, and continue to advocate for the Province of Manitoba and Canada to implement Jordan's Principle to the fullest extent as supported by Manitoba First Nations.

CERTIFIED COPY
*of a resolution adopted
on March 4-6, 2014
Thompson, Manitoba*


Grand Chief Derek Nepinak