

ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
28th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SWAN LAKE FIRST NATION
Swan Lake, Manitoba
September 20, 21 & 22, 2016

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

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RE: IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL DECISION RE: FIRST NATIONS CFS AND JORDAN PRINCIPLE PROGRAM

Moved by:

A/Chief Gilbert Fredette
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jim Tobacco
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation, lived all his short life of five years in hospital because of jurisdictional wrangling by Federal and Provincial authorities over who would pay for his health care costs. Jordan's Principle, the Child First Principle, to help the child first, without delay or disruption, with the Crown governments deciding later who pays the bill, with the recognition of Chief and Council who had longtime advocated for the Anderson family; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) released an update on September 14, 2016 on the Remedial Order for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to cease its discriminatory practices and reform the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program and to take measures immediately to implement the full meaning and scope of Jordan's Principle; and

WHEREAS, the Remedial Order stated that INAC will not decrease or further restrict funding for First Nations child and family services or children's services covered by Jordan's Principle; and

WHEREAS, the Remedial Order stated that INAC is to determine budgets for each individual FNCFS Agency based on an evaluation of its distinct needs and circumstances, including an appropriate evaluation of how remoteness may affect the FNCFS Agency's ability to provide services; and

WHEREAS, INAC is to cease the practice of requiring FNCFS Agencies to recover cost overruns related to maintenance from their prevention and/or operations funding streams; and

WHEREAS, INAC was directed to provide a comprehensive report indicating how the findings of the Tribunal Decision and the Remedial Order were being addressed to provide immediate relief for First Nations children; and

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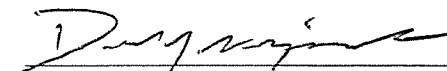
WHEREAS, the CHRT has now issued a third Order to INAC to address the ruling and bring about immediate and long-term progress to ensure the discrimination identified in the CHRT decision is remedied; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have the most children in care and it is imperative that Jordan's Principle be applied to all First Nations children (not only to those resident on reserve) immediately.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the CHRT decision, direct the Grand Chief to write to Minister of INAC to fully implement and follow the CHRT decision, and encourage all AMC First Nation members to call upon the Government of Canada to do the same.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to follow up with INAC and Manitoba to ensure that it takes measure to immediately implement the full meaning and scope of Jordan's Principle both on and off reserve.

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*of a Resolution Adopted
on September 20, 21 & 22, 2016
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Grand Chief Derek Nepinak