

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
SECRETARIAT INC.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
"LEAVE NO CITIZEN BEHIND"
*THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION
AND PARTNERSHIP***



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RE: FIRST NATIONS CITIZENSHIP

Moved by:

Proxy Dennis Kirkness
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Kyra Wilson
Long Plain First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, First Nations were organized according to their own political and legal values and systems and exercise their jurisdiction to determine and define their citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) identifies that First Nations have the right:

- to autonomy in matters relating to their internal and local affairs in exercising their right to self-determination (Article 4);
- to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social, and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social, and cultural, life of the State (Article 5);
- along with their individual citizens, to belong to a community or nation, in accordance with traditions and customs of the community or nation concerned, and no discrimination of any kind may arise from the exercise of such a right (Article 9);
- to determine their own identity of membership in accordance with their customs and traditions (Article 33(1));
- to determine the structures and to select the membership of their institutions in accordance with their own procedures (Article 33(2));
- to determine the responsibilities of individuals to their communities (Article 35); and

WHEREAS, Canada's unilateral imposition of the *Indian Act* on First Nations is discriminatory based on gender and race, and a continued denial of First Nations' inherent right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Register is the official record identifying the names of all status Indians as per the *Indian Act*. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is responsible for maintaining the Indian Register and exerts control over it. The Indian Register determines who receives Treaty annuities and services on reserve, but does not define First Nation citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the AMC's Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) passed resolution MAY.2019-02 *Supply and Demand of Secure Indian Status Cards*, which directs

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the AMC Grand Chief to work with ISC to increase the supply of Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards. While the AMC EAGLE Urban Transition Centre (EUTC) is allowed to provide renewal and replacement status cards, ISC refuses to allow the AMC to accept, review, and approve new status applications. Meanwhile, First Nations people's Indian status is expiring by ISC's standards; and

WHEREAS, First Nations citizenship was a topic of negotiations during *The Dismantling of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Restoration of Jurisdictions to First Nations Peoples in Manitoba and Recognition of First Nations Governments in Manitoba* (the "Framework Agreement Initiative" or "FAI"). The AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution JAN-07.05 to discontinue the negotiations under the FAI until Canada demonstrates political will and commitment to a new approach to First Nations citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Constitution recognizes that the First Nations have international status as Nations, and resolution *Designation of First Nations Peoples* made it clear that including First Nations generally within the term "Aboriginal" (now "Indigenous") peoples diminishes the Treaty relationship and Treaty rights, and that First Nations should be specifically identified and designated (JAN-98.20). Also, in the resolution *Non-recognition of Aboriginal Organizations*, the Chiefs reaffirmed their position that First Nations governments recognize the portability of Treaty and Aboriginal Rights for all First Nations citizens and that First Nations governments have jurisdiction over their respective First Nations citizens regardless of residency (JAN-07.10); and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2011, the Final Report on regional forums with AMC member First Nations identified several recommendations, including that:

- a. Manitoba First Nations have the inherent jurisdiction to deal with their own citizenship;
- b. Canada must deal with Manitoba First Nations on a Nation-to-Nation basis that respects the Honour of the Crown and the Treaty Relationships;
- c. Manitoba First Nations must each be provided with resources to develop capacity their own approach to citizenship;
- d. AMC should provide Manitoba First Nations with options to assist them in developing their own approaches to citizenship;

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- e. AMC should advocate for Manitoba First Nations regarding the ongoing discrimination of the status provisions under the *Indian Act*;
- f. the Assembly of First Nations should support AMC's regional approach for Manitoba First Nations to develop their own approaches to citizenship;
- g. a legal and international strategy should be developed to identify ongoing First Nation citizenship matters and how they may affect Treaty rights; and

WHEREAS, Canada treats First Nations differently from the Métis Nation as it pertains to "citizenship," which is inconsistent with the UNDRIP. This differential treatment has led to Canada recognizing the Métis right to define their own "citizenship," including allowing self-identification and the benefits that flow from that; and

WHEREAS, self-identification policies have resulted in identity fraud and theft of opportunities intended to benefit First Nations including: lost scholarships, bursaries, and academic opportunities; lost job opportunities across public and private sectors; damage to the work of First Nations academics who have relied on research or mentorship of professors and supervisors who have falsely claimed First Nations identity; potential harm to Elders used to bolster false identity claims; increased harm for First Nations people who were removed from their families and Nations due to colonial government policies such as the Sixties Scoop; and damage to the reputations of First Nations political organizations that have relied on or hired individuals that have claimed false First Nations identity; and

WHEREAS, Canada's *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* identifies a number of Action Plan Measures (APMs) in the area of citizenship, including to support the adoption of Bill C-38 which seeks to address discrimination in the *Indian Act*'s registration and membership provisions (APM 2.7); co-developing a collaborative consultation process on a suite of broader reforms relating to registration and band membership issues prior to any transition away from the *Indian Act* (APM 2.8), and consulting impacted groups to support co-development of opt-in alternatives to *Indian Act* registration and membership (APM 2.9).

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Secretariat to:

- host a regional citizenship forum; and
- develop template citizenship laws for AMC member First Nations; and
- work with the AMC Chiefs Committee on Citizenship and with Elders and Knowledge Keepers from AMC member First Nations to identify traditional dispute resolution mechanisms for cases involving unauthorized claims to First Nations identity.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief is mandated to:

- work with ISC to increase the supply for Secure Certificate of Indian Status Cards in Manitoba by accepting and submitting completed new applications while working on a plan to remove the expiration date; and
- take necessary actions for the AMC to partner with ISC in implementing the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, specifically its Action Plan Measures pertaining to citizenship, and to carry out this action plan measure, implementation work with an objective of increasing AMC Member First Nations self-determination over citizenship matters.

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Grand Chief Cathy Merrick

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR BRADY LANDFILL AND PRAIRIE GREEN
LANDFILL SEARCHES FOR MURDERED RELATIVES
MARCEDES MYRAN, MORGAN HARRIS, MASHKODE
BIZHIKI'IKWE, AND TANYA NEPINAK**

Moved by:

Chief Wifred McKay
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Kyra Wilson
Long Plain First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, through resolution JUL-19.03, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly, among others, supported and endorsed the *Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*, which described the “ongoing genocide” against Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse people; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba government will not support a search of Prairie Green and Brady landfills despite an Indigenous-led, expert-informed feasibility study concluding that a search for Indigenous women's remains can be done safely.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly remain committed to calling for funding and support from all levels of government to advocate for landfill searches to ensure that First Nations women are laid to rest in their rightful homes and their families afforded compassion and respect. All First Nations women, girls, and gender-diverse people are sacred and we are committed to honour their lives and advocating for Survivors and families.

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RE: PERIMETER AVIATION

Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert Watt
God's Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Perimeter Aviation Ltd. was established in 1960 and has held a monopoly in providing aviation services to a number of First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, over the years, there have been numerous safety issues that include: a plane veering into a snowbank at Shamattawa (2020); a runway excursion at Gods River in (2017); insufficient fuel at Island Lake (2010); gear up landing at St. Theresa Point (2009); departure from runway surface at Norway House (2006); another runway excursion at St. Theresa Point (2002); and a controlled flight into terrain at Shamattawa (2001); and

WHEREAS, there has been a number of concerns raised regarding the services offered by Perimeter Aviation including delays and/or cancellation of flights where First Nations have missed medical appointments, delays in medical supplies and service delay, cargo restrictions leading to delays in receipt of medicine, medical supplies, and other related food and goods; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) passed a motion that provided the Grand Chief with a mandate to explore various options with First Nations leadership particularly the option of creating a First Nations Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020, Manitoba and AMC signed a Memorandum of Understanding “to formalize discussions towards an agreement on the transfer of the province’s northern airports and marine operations to First Nations ownership and operations”; and

WHEREAS, as of January 15, 2023, Perimeter Aviation implemented a “Cashless Policy” including non-cash payments for tickets, excess baggage fees, cargo shipments, kennel fees, and box fees are contrary to Dash-8 aircraft in-flight scheduled services; and

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2023, Perimeter Aviation implemented a Baggage Policy that is not conducive to the demographics of First Nations that use Perimeter Aviation Services.

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RE: PERIMETER AVIATION (cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand Perimeter Aviation works with First Nations to improve its services including reviewing various policies and to address safety concerns that put First Nations at risk.

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**RE: ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACTS OF THE ASSERTION OF
RIGHTS OF MÉTIS IN THE TREATY LANDS AND TRADITIONAL
TERRITORIES OF AMC MEMBER FIRST NATIONS**

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseccappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Wilfred McKay
Rolling River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the federal government signed Bill C-53 the Manitoba Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement with the Manitoba Métis Federation on July 6, 2021, and has since engaged in ongoing negotiations for the Red River Self-Government Treaty that affects the Treaty lands and traditional territories of all AMC member First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the federal government signed the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Implementation Agreement on February 23, 2023, with the Métis Nation of Ontario. This agreement impacts the Treaty land selections and traditional territories of several AMC member First Nations, including Sagkeeng First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Garden Hill First Nation, St. Theresa Point First Nation, Wasagamack First Nation, and Red Sucker Lake First Nation; and

WHEREAS, On June 21, 2023, Canada introduced Bill C-53, titled "An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario, and Saskatchewan," which aims to give effect to Métis rights and could impact the rights of AMC member First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Grand Chief's Office and Secretariat developed a draft domestic and international legal and political strategy based on AMC Resolution MAY-23 01, "Opposition to the Federal Government's Negotiations with the Métis in Ontario and Manitoba on Self-Government Agreements." Further input is required from a regional First Nation technical group of advocates and technicians, guided by Leadership, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the continued development of a legal and political strategic action plan to address the impacts of Métis rights assertion on AMC member First Nations' Treaty lands and traditional territories, and mandates the Chiefs Committee on Treaty Relations to provide oversight, guidance, and direction for the draft legal and political strategy, and authorizes the creation of a First Nations Technical Committee to assist the Chiefs Committee in the development of the strategy.

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RIGHTS OF MÉTIS IN THE TREATY LANDS AND TRADITIONAL
TERRITORIES OF AMC MEMBER FIRST NATIONS (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Canada to engage in meaningful and transparent consultation on the resolution of existing Treaty land claims processes with AMC member First Nations before finalizing any self-government agreements or Treaties with the MMF or other Métis groups that claim rights in the traditional and Treaty territories of AMC membered First Nations and particularly before adopting any definition of the “historic Métis Nation homeland” in the Red River Self-Government Treaty.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Chiefs Committee on Treaty Relations to finalize the legal and political strategy and report back at the next AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly opposes Bill C-53 and directs Chiefs Committee on Treaty Relations to include it in the legal and political strategy, and directs the AMC Grand Chief to inform Canada of this stance, participate as a witness at the Committee during the Bill's consideration, and extend full support to other regional First Nations activities opposing the Bill.

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RE: AFFIRM A PRINCIPLES-BASED APPROACH AND FIRST NATIONS-LED CO-DRAFTING PROCESS TO FEDERAL DISTINCTIONS-BASED INDIGENOUS HEALTH LEGISLATION

Moved by:

Chief Kyra Wilson
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gord Bluesky
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution JAN-23.01 Canada's Federal Indigenous Health Legislation, resolution MAY-23.06 Further Principles of Co-Development Legislation and the Treaty Right to Health, and resolution JUL-11.04 A Shared Vision for a Unified Health System in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM) was established through AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly resolution JUL-13.08 and MAR-14.10 and became a permanent entity through resolution JUN-18.04; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the FNHSSM is for First Nations in Manitoba to have increased opportunities to participate in the planning and development of a Unified Health System in Manitoba, including regional and national health policies and systems. This would include but not be limited to health consultation, maternal child health, e-Health, youth suicide, mental health, intergovernmental health, health and social determinants of health, health research, community care training, health governance, and infrastructure support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly affirm the following principles in the development and enactment of federal First Nations health legislation:

1. Affirmation of the Nation-to-Nation relationship.
2. Adoption of all human rights standards, including in particular.
 - a. The right to health;
 - b. The Treaty right to health;
 - c. Provision of funding and technical assistance;
 - d. Recognition of the universal right of self-determination, including the right to social, economic, political and cultural development governed by First Nations' laws;
 - e. Affirming the significance of social determinants of health;

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- f. Substantive equality which includes meeting unique and particular needs and circumstances such as economic, social, and historical disadvantage;
 - g. Adopting traditional practices and medicines;
 - h. Protection of lands and resources and rights to a healthy natural environment;
 - i. Cultural rights including languages, ceremonies, and knowledge;
 - j. Freedom from racism and promotion of respect for First Nations identity, culture, and languages among health service providers and all other;
 - k. Effective representation in health-related institutions; and
 - l. Effective institutions to prevent injustice and to promote justice.
3. Consultations and consent: All legislation affecting our rights and interests must have free, prior, and informed consent. As per Wahbung 1971: "There can be no delegation of authority or responsibility by the Federal government to the Province without our consent."
 4. Unity in cooperative relationships will be our strength.
 5. Accountability in the Nation-to-Nation relationship including fair tribunals and courts.
 6. Put an end to jurisdictional disputes between the Provincial and Federal governments.
 7. Accommodate the distinct and particular needs of First Nations.
 8. Specialized institutions with the knowledge and expertise to promote these principles and First Nations rights in the development of a Treaty-based vision of health care.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support participation in the co-drafting process and call on the federal government to comply with its commitments and obligations to provide the necessary funds and resources as proposed by these parties.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly authorize AMC and FNHSSM to provide advice and recommendations to the federal government based upon the above principles.

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**RE: CALL FOR A GENERAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON EARLY LEARNING
AND CHILD CARE**

Moved by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseccappo First
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Secretariat for Indigenous children and families was established to ensure culturally appropriate programs that take into account the cultures, languages, traditions, values, and customs of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities as crucial in creating a foundation for a child's cultural identity and sense of worth; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Framework establishes overarching principles and sets a vision for happy and safe Indigenous children and families, strong cultural identity, and a comprehensive and coordinated system that is anchored in self-determination, centered on children, and grounded in culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, through the ELCC Framework, the Government of Canada committed \$1.02 billion over 10 years to support ELCC for First Nations to be managed in partnership with First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada announced the Indigenous Federal Secretariat on ELCC in the fall of 2020; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) has been entrusted with the management and distribution of Early Learning Child Care (ELCC) funds to First Nations in Manitoba. Additionally, the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) has been assigned to oversee the governance of a Regional Managing Organization; and

WHEREAS, the AMC charges a 4% administration fee on the ELCC funds to distribute to First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the MFNERC charges a 9% administration fee to facilitate the development of a Regional Management Organization; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly have not come together in Assembly to discuss the ELCC program.

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**RE: CALL FOR GENERAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON EARLY LEARNING
AND CHILD CARE (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to hold a General Assembly in October 2023 that will include Early Learning and Child Care and an update on the ELCC strategy for AMC Member First Nations, and provide the opportunity for input by the Chiefs.

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**RE: CALL FOR THE RESIGNATION OF MANITOBA'S PROGRESSIVE
CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER BASED ON THE
GOVERNMENT'S BREACHES OF UNDRIP AS IT PERTAINS TO THE
REPATRIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS**

Moved by:

Chief Wilfred McKay
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Kyra Wilson
Long Plain First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, through resolution JUL-19.03, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly, among others, supported and endorsed the *Reclaiming Power and Place: the Final Report on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*; and

WHEREAS, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People* (UNDRIP), Article 12 states:

- (1) Indigenous peoples have the right to manifest, practice, develop, and teach their spiritual and religious traditions, customs, and ceremonies; the right to maintain, protect, and have access in privacy to their religious and cultural sites; the right to the use and control of their ceremonial objects; and the right to the repatriation of their human remains; and
- (2) States shall seek to enable the access and/or repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains in their possession through fair, transparent, and effective mechanisms developed in conjunction with the indigenous peoples concerned; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has been supporting the families of Mercedes Myran, Morgan Harris, Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe (Buffalo Woman), and Tanya Nepinak and the call to search the Brady Landfill and Prairie Green Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the province of Manitoba, under Heather Stefanson's Progressive Conservative government, has failed to uphold UNDRIP rights by refusing to support the Brady Landfill and Prairie Green Landfill searches and continues to make unilateral decisions regarding the human remains of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the province of Manitoba's pledges to partnership and reconciliation are disingenuous and empty based on their refusal to address cycles of racism and colonial violence against First Nations women and two-spirit individuals.

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GOVERNMENT'S BREACHES OF UNDRIP AS IT PERTAINS TO
THE REPATRIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call for the resignation of the Manitoba's Progressive Conservative Party Leader Heather Stefanson.

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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CASINO TRUST – BALANCING THE HOOK

Moved by:

Chief EJ Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, *The Balancing Hook* (TBH) was developed by the Manitoba First Nations Casino Trust (The Trust) with the Addictions Foundations of Manitoba, which is now amalgamated with Shared Health; and

WHEREAS, the Trust and Shared Health are in discussions on how to best utilize TBH training initiatives; and

WHEREAS, TBH focuses on mental wellness and gambling awareness, an innovative approach to learn about gambling behavior from a harm reduction perspective. TBH also facilitates the development of strategies for balance, self-care, and holistic wellness through a First-Nations lens; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to raise awareness and support prevention of addictive behaviours in youth as it pertains to gambling. Reaching, engaging, and serving youth, living on and off reserve, is an essential shift; and

WHEREAS, the areas of focus that are being considered as they pertain to youth awareness and prevention include:

- (1) Youth and the Jordan's Principle program on gaming and gambling
- (2) Engaging and nurturing early years students
- (3) Collaboration with other First Nations programs and clinicians
- (4) Collaboration with teachers, guidance counsellors, and other school-based supports
- (5) Collaboration with existing community care providers
- (6) Enhanced focus on awareness and education in the name of prevention; and

WHEREAS, conversations with Shared Health are ongoing to ensure the following resources remain available: human, financial, display kits, promotional resources, professional development and accreditation opportunities, and engagement opportunities and tools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly express continued support for the Manitoba First Nations Casino Trust's ongoing operations as well as TBH initiative.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CASINO TRUST – BALANCING THE
HOOK (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Chief's Committee on Gaming to review and identify how all AMC Member First Nations may benefit from Responsible Gaming directly with funding provided by the Province of Manitoba and provide a report at the October 2023 AMC General Chiefs Assembly.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR SIXTIES SCOOP AND THE REMOVAL OF FIRST
NATIONS CHILDREN IMPACTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA**

Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief EJ Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution SEPT-16.09 *Ongoing Support for 60's Scoop and A Repatriation Program in Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Recommendations* that among other things, direct the AMC Grand Chief to solicit funding and support from the provincial and federal governments to establish a Repatriation Program to be operated through the AMC First Nations Family Advocate Office; and

WHEREAS, resolution MAR-18.02 *Action on 60's Scoop* among other things, directed the AMC Grand Chief to inform the Government of Canada that for any apology it provides regarding the Sixties Scoop, it should also issue an apology to the mothers and fathers and families for the loss of their children and an apology to Manitoba First Nations for the loss of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, in November 2017, Canada signed a class action settlement agreement with Sixties Scoop Survivors. It set aside \$750 million to compensate First Nations and Inuit children who were removed from their homes and placed with non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents between 1951 and 1991 and lost their cultural identities as a result. An Administrator was appointed to administer claims, and the late claim deadline was December 2019; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of the Sixties Scoop have not shared their stories and have not received compensation through the Settlement for the abuse endured while placed in non-First Nations homes; and

WHEREAS, there has been no national inquiry into the precise numbers of children, families and First Nations affected by the Sixties Scoop, the number of children murdered or killed while in care or adopted by non-Indigenous families, the geographical displacements of Survivors still living abroad, and the far-reaching long-term psychological and physical effects of permanent child removal on Survivors, their families, and First Nations; and

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WHEREAS, the 60's Scoop Legacy of Canada, formed in 2017, is a national non-profit organization based in Manitoba that has repeatedly called on the federal government for: a national inquiry, funding for repatriation programs, and amendments to the First Nations/Inuit Sixties Scoop Settlement; and

WHEREAS, former TRC Chair and Senator Honourable Murray Sinclair has publicly supported the need for a national inquiry in an August 2, 2021, joint press release in partnership with the 60's Scoop Legacy of Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the call for a First Nations-led national inquiry into the Sixties Scoop and the impact on children, families and First Nations, and direct the AMC Grand Chief's Office to call on the federal government for a First Nations-led national inquiry.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to seek legal advice and assistance in initiating a claim against the federal government and the Province of Manitoba as a result of the government's assimilationist legislation and policies that resulted in the mass removal of First Nations children from 1951-1991.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to renew its call on the federal and provincial governments for long-term funding to support First Nations Repatriation and Healing programs for Survivors and their families of the Sixties Scoop in Manitoba.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to call on the federal government to reopen the application deadline for the Sixties Scoop Settlement and to include claims of abuse and other impacts, provided it does not interfere with processing current applications and payments to existing claimants.

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Grand Chief Cathy Merrick