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**RE: OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE METIS IN ONTARIO AND MANITOBA ON SELF-
GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS**

Moved by:

Chief Angela Levasseur
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Kyra Wilson
Long Plain First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), through the Chiefs-in-Assembly, is mandated to protect First Nations' inherent right to self-determination and self-government and to promote, preserve, and protect inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have occupied and exercised their rights in their traditional territories since time immemorial and have entered into Treaty relationships with the Crown, yet many First Nations in Manitoba have failed to receive their full entitlement to benefits and reserve lands promised under Treaty; and

WHEREAS, Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* recognizes and affirms the existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights of First Nations in Manitoba, and obligates the Crown to consult and accommodate First Nations in Manitoba whenever it contemplates actions that may adversely impact their constitutionally protected rights; and

WHEREAS, according to the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Indigenous Peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired; and the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional ownership or other traditional occupation or use, as well as those which they have otherwise acquired; and States shall give legal recognition and protection to these lands, territories and resources, conducted with due respect to the customs, traditions and land tenure systems of the Indigenous peoples concerned (Article 26); and

WHEREAS, the federal government and the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) signed the Manitoba Metis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement on July 6, 2021, and have since engaged in ongoing negotiations for the Red River Self-Government Treaty; and

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WHEREAS, the Manitoba Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement claims the “Historic Metis Nation Homeland” means “the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Metis or Half-Breeds as they were then known”; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of MMF’s rights, which are vague and overbroadly defined in the “historic Metis Nation homeland” has the potential to increase competition for resources, impact the recognition and implementation of First Nations inherent rights to self-determination and self-government, worsen cumulative impacts on First Nations’ ability to exercise their sacred Treaty rights, and unjustly recognize Metis as rights-holders in First Nation’s Treaty and traditional territories which creates the potential to dilute First Nations voices in negotiations and consultations on matters that directly impacts the traditional and Treaty territories of First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, Minister Marc Miller, on behalf of the federal government, and the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) signed the Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Implementation Agreement on February 23, 2023, which broadly defines the “Historic Metis Nation Homeland” as “the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Historic Metis Nation, including what is now Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and extending into contiguous parts of Ontario, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, and the northern United States”;

WHEREAS, the recognition of MNO rights in the “Historic Metis Nation Homeland” encompasses the traditional territories of many First Nations, including the entirety of what is now the province of Manitoba and lacks the historical significance that First Nations share with the land;

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WHEREAS, this definition could grant MNO rights to vast territories, and if adopted by MMF in the Red River Self-Government Treaty could effectively give MMF and its citizens competing rights to Treaty and traditional territories of AMC member First Nations;

WHEREAS, the Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Implementation Agreement incorrectly conflates Metis citizens with mixed-race individuals who self-identify as Metis, recognizing the existence of tens of thousands of new persons who bear rights under Section 35; and

WHEREAS, the AMC acknowledges that the issue of Indigenous identity fraud, particularly in relation to self-declaration and self-identification policies, negatively impacts First Nations citizens by taking away employment opportunities, academic scholarships, programs, services, and financial benefits from the systemically disadvantaged populations that such opportunities were designed for; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have not been consulted on these agreements, which pose significant threats to their constitutionally protected rights and territories; and

WHEREAS, the Wabung Tribal Council of Brunswick House First Nation, Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation, Flying Post First Nation, Matachewan First Nation, Mattagami First Nation and Beaverhouse First Nation applied for judicial review in the Federal Court of Canada of Minister Miller's decision to enter into the Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Implementation Agreement with MNO; and

WHEREAS, the AMC stands committed to protecting the rights and interests of First Nations, and to challenging any measures that may infringe upon the rights of its member Nations.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support all efforts of Treaty 9 First Nations to protect their Treaty and traditional territories, including the legal challenge of the Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Implementation Agreement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly pledges to scrutinize the ongoing actions of the federal government and explore all available options, including court actions, to challenge any measures that may infringe upon the rights and interests of AMC membered First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and Secretariat to develop a domestic and international political and legal strategy to respond to the assertion of Metis rights in the traditional and Treaty lands of AMC membered First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Secretariat to draft a resolution for consideration at the Annual General Assembly of the Assembly of First Nations regarding the Metis self-government agreements and their assertion of rights to First Nations' traditional and Treaty lands; and

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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to advocate to the federal government on behalf of First Nations in Manitoba to:

- (1) engage in meaningful and transparent consultation processes before finalizing any self-government agreements or Treaties with the MMF or other Metis groups that claim rights in the traditional and Treaty territories of AMC membered First Nations and particularly before adopting any definition of the "historic Metis Nation homeland" in the Red River Self-Government Treaty; and
- (2) ensure that any agreements with the MMF or other Metis groups that claim rights in the traditional and Treaty territories of AMC membered First Nations do not infringe upon or dilute the constitutionally protected rights of First Nations in Manitoba; and establish a clear and mutually agreed upon process for addressing and resolving disputes or overlapping claims arising from the self-government agreements with the MMF or other Metis groups that claim rights in the traditional and Treaty territories of AMC membered First Nations.

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**RE: ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF THE MANITOBA NATURAL
RESOURCES TRANSFER AGREEMENT ON FIRST NATIONS IN
MANITOBA**

Moved by:

Chief Derek Nepinak
Minegoziibe Anishinabe
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Chiefs-in-Assembly, is mandated to protect First Nations' inherent right to self-determination and self-government and to promote, preserve, and protect inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognizes the need to address the unjust impacts of the Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (NRTA) on First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the NRTA facilitated the transfer and control over land and natural resources to the province of Manitoba, limiting First Nations' Treaty and Aboriginal rights and subjecting First Nations resources to provincial exploitation without adequate compensation; and

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Indigenous Peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired; and the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional ownership or other traditional occupation or use, as well as those which they have otherwise acquired; and States shall give legal recognition and protection to these lands, territories and resources, conducted with due respect to the customs, traditions and land tenure systems of the Indigenous peoples concerned (Article 26); and

WHEREAS, Canadian courts have allowed the NRTA to unilaterally extinguish and modify First Nations Treaty and Aboriginal rights without the consent of First Nations in Manitoba; and

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RESOURCES TRANSFER AGREEMENT ON FIRST NATIONS IN
MANITOBA (CONT'D)**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has long advocated for a just resolution for the illegal transfer of First Nations resources including through Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Resolution JAN-03.19 NATURAL RESOURCE REVENUE SHARING where the Chiefs-in-Assembly resolved that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat develop a negotiation strategy for compensation to First Nations for the removal and sale of natural resources which First Nations would have received had Canada honoured its Treaty and Aboriginal rights obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Western Treaty Nations Summit on the 1930 Natural Resources Transfer Agreement will take place on May 29-June 1, 2023, providing an opportunity for First Nations affected by the NRTA to discuss legal options and pursue the recognition and fulfillment of their Treaty and Aboriginal rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs Office and the Secretariat to take the following actions:

1. Develop a legal strategy to address the impacts of the NRTA on First Nations in Manitoba through a class or representative action;
2. Continue advocating for the federal government to jointly review and rescind the NRTA, triggering the Constitutional Amending Formula which would require a series of First Ministers' Meetings on Constitutional Reform with a specific view to recognizing the injustice and breach of Treaties and restoring revenue sharing with First Nations;
3. Monitor and intervene in court actions that stand to impact the judicial interpretation of the NRTA and the rights of First Nations in Manitoba, ensuring that the laws and perspectives of First Nations properly inform judicial interpretation;

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4. Advocate for the commitment of the colonial governments to adequately compensate First Nations in Manitoba for the impacts of the NRTA, aiming to negotiate fair compensation for the removal and sale of natural resources that First Nations would have received had Canada honoured its Treaty and Aboriginal rights obligations; and
5. Attend the Western Treaty Nations Summit representing the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly with an analysis of the discussions and recommendations for strategic actions to address the impacts of the NRTA on First Nations in Manitoba.

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RE: DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT TREATY RIGHTS TRIBUNAL

Moved by:

Chief Rod Travers
Kinonjeoshtegon First
Nation

WHEREAS, since the signing of the Treaties, Canada has unilaterally and repeatedly failed to adhere to the promises it made First Nations in exchange for the agreement to share First Nations traditional lands; and

Seconded by:

Chief Elwood Zastre
Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly passed the following resolution to endorse the discussion paper entitled “Canada’s Claims Policies: the Need for Change” and develop a position on specific claims policy as it pertains to an independent mechanism for dealing with Treaty claims: NOV.90-08 Specific Claims Policy; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations have pursued Treaty Rights through Canadian courts and Canada’s specific claims process to redress historical wrongs related to the illegal alienation of Indigenous lands, Indigenous dispossession, and the non-fulfillment of treaties; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have identified the inherent flaws in the specific claims process, one of which is the conflict of interest resulting from Canada considering and judging claims against the Crown.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the development of a Treaty Rights tribunal to enable a Nation-to-Nation interpretation of Treaties and subsequent implementation of the rights and obligations promised under the Treaties; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat and Grand Chiefs Office, in consultation with member First Nations, to research, plan, and develop frameworks for the integration of Indigenous laws and legal traditions into the Treaty Rights tribunal; and report back on the progress it has made in the development of the Treaty Rights tribunal at the next Assembly.

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**RE: AMC CALLS ON CANADA TO FORMALLY REPUDIATE THE
DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY**

Moved by:

Chief Sheldon Kent
Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Richard B. Hart Jr.
Bunibonibee First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Chiefs-in-Assembly, is mandated to protect First Nations' inherent right to self-determination and self-government and to promote, preserve, and protect inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine of Discovery is a religious and legal framework made up of declarations known as papal bulls by popes in the 15th century, which were understood to give Christian explorers permission to conquer, enslave, and displace Indigenous peoples around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine of Discovery has been used by governments to justify the theft of Indigenous peoples' lands and assert control over their lives, as evidenced by colonization, massacres, racism, removal, ethnocide, genocide, linguicide and violence and abuse of Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the French and English colonial governments used the Doctrine of Discovery to claim Indigenous lands and force their cultural and religious beliefs on Indigenous peoples in what would later be known as Canada and had influenced the imposition of national and colonial laws on Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2023, the Vatican responded to First Nations' demands to formally repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery by releasing a statement rejecting the Doctrine of Discovery as a teaching of the Catholic Church, acknowledging the suffering of First Nations as a result of colonization, and expressing support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("UNDRIP").

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly reject the Doctrine of Discovery, Canada's claims to sovereignty as a result of the Doctrine of Discovery, and all laws underpinned by the Doctrine of Discovery; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly calls on Canada to formally repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery; and

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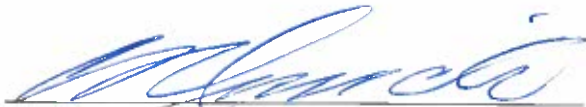
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**RE: AMC CALLS ON CANADA TO FORMALLY REPUDIATE THE
DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY (cont'd)**

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to conduct engagements and research regarding any laws, policies, and directives that are built upon the Doctrine of Discovery to help inform a First Nations in Manitoba-led approach that would also inform part of the larger UNDRIP Act action plan.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL HISTORIC PLAQUE FOR THE
FORMER PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

Moved by:

Chief Kyra Wilson
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jason Daniels
Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly passed the following resolutions to support Long Plain First Nation in pursuit of a National Indian Residential School: MAR-01.29 *National Indian Residential School Museum*, and JUN-16.04 *National Museum of Indian Residential Schools*; and

WHEREAS, in June 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released the Final Report, *Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future* that documented the tragic experiences of approximately 150,000 Residential School students and identified 94 Calls-to-Action; and

WHEREAS, the National Indigenous Residential School Museum of Canada was designated as a National Historic Site by the Federal Government in September 2020 and designated as a Provincial Heritage Building in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the National Indigenous Residential School Museum was developed to preserve the history of the Residential School Legacy for national and international public awareness of what truly occurred.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports Parks Canada and the National Indigenous Residential School Museum of Canada Inc. Board of Directors in finalizing the text of the National Historic Plaque to be unveiled in the near future; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby support the text of the National Historic Plaque:

***THE FORMER PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL (1891-1975)***

*At this school, Indigenous children endured abuse, severe discipline,
punishment for speaking their languages, and isolation from their
families, communities, and traditions. These experiences*

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have affected generations. Operated by the Canadian government and the Presbyterian and United Churches, the school was part of a national policy of assimilation, which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission described as cultural genocide. In 1914-15, this imposing building replaced an earlier school and was open until 1975. In 1981, Long Plain First Nation took ownership of the site as part of their outstanding Treaty Land Entitlement claim. The community has since readapted it as a place of commemoration and resilience.

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**RE: FURTHER PRINCIPLES OF CO-DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION
AND THE TREATY RIGHT TO HEALTH**

Moved by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief EJ Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Chiefs-in-Assembly, is mandated to protect First Nations' inherent right to self-determination and self-government and to promote, preserve, and protect inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution JAN-23.01 at the recent Special Chiefs Assembly on Health Legislation which outlined the basis for co-development of health legislation in relation to First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly received an update on health legislation discussions to date and the failure of Canada to recognize the Treaty right to health at this May 2023 Chiefs-in-Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in addition to the eight principles outlined in resolution JAN-23.01, that co-development of health legislation in relation to First Nations also include:

(9) that Canada must fully pay for all required health programs, services, and benefits for First Nation citizens regardless of whether they live on or off reserve; and

(10) that Canada must be the payer of first resort, regardless of any third-party insurance benefits that First Nation citizens have.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs Office to advise Canada of this position.

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RE: ENFORCEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS BY-LAWS AND LAWS

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Chiefs-in-Assembly, is mandated to protect First Nations' inherent right to self-determination and self-government and to promote, preserve, and protect inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba, as sovereign Nations, through their inherent rights to self-determination and self-government have the authority to pass laws that affect their Nations and their citizens; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba may also create by-laws under the *Indian Act* and may enact laws pursuant to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management Act*; and

WHEREAS, according to the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP), Indigenous Peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social, and cultural institutions (Article 5); and

WHEREAS, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has consistently refused to enforce First Nations by-laws and laws, and the federal government has failed to provide adequate funding for policing and prosecution services for First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the lack of enforcement of First Nations by-laws and laws has resulted in a jurisdictional gap, leaving First Nations citizens on-reserve without the same level of protection and safety as non-First Nations citizens; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the non-enforcement of First Nations laws include higher crime rates on-reserve, inadequate safety measures, inequitable social and health conditions, limited community well-being, dangers faced by First Nations leadership, and environmental damage on-reserve; and

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WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has submitted an application to the Court Challenges Program (CCP) to challenge the federal government's approach to the enforcement of by-laws on-reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Council of Chiefs has authorized the development of a legal action against Canada for failing to enforce First Nations laws and to provide funding for policing and prosecuting of First Nations laws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the federal government to engage with the Grand Chiefs Office and the AMC's member First Nations and commit to developing a nation-to-nation process to give meaningful effect to the enforcement of by-laws and laws that respects the Treaty relationship; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support pursuing a legal remedy to compel the federal government to increase funding for policing and prosecution services, ensuring that First Nations laws are properly enforced, and supports the AMC Secretariat's application for case development funding from the Court Challenges Program; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of Chiefs oversee the pursuit of this legal remedy and direct the Grand Chiefs Office to continue to report on is ongoing progress.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR A FIRST NATION LED COURT PILOT PROJECT

Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Richard B. Hart Jr.
Bunibonibee First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Chiefs-in-Assembly, is mandated to protect First Nations' inherent right to self-determination and self-government and to promote, preserve, and protect inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, at the October 2022 AMC Annual General Assembly, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a resolution supporting and endorsing support of the AMC Secretariat in the development of a pilot project for a First Nation-run court in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, the Chief's Committee on Restorative Justice and Policing reviewed and discussed each submission, and the Chiefs decided to recommend one First Nation from the North and one from the South for the Pilot Project, ultimately selecting Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (Nelson House Cree Nation) as the Northern First Nation and Minegoziibe Anishinabe (Pine Creek First Nation) as the Southern First Nation; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, the AMC Personnel and Finance Committee reviewed and agreed with the recommended locations for the Pilot Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly accept the recommendation from the Chief's Committee on Restorative Justice and Policing for the First Nation-led Court Pilot Project, with Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and Minegoziibe Anishinabe being selected as the two locations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief and the Secretariat to follow up with the Province of Manitoba to seek funding for the two selected locations of the First Nation-led Court Pilot Project; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly express their commitment to supporting initiatives that empower First Nations in the administration of justice and affirm the inherent jurisdiction and self-governance rights of First Nations in matters of law and order.

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Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel, Winnipeg, MB
May 23, 24 & 25, 2023

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

MAY-23.09

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRST NATION EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT MODEL**

Moved by:

Chief Heidi Cook
Misipawistik Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Taralee Beardy
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2022, the Executive Council of Chiefs directed the Secretariat to develop a proposal for funding to transfer emergency services from the Canadian Red Cross to First Nations, and to create a taskforce made up of First Nations leadership, technicians, and other experts that would design and implement a First Nations Emergency Management model.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Secretariat and Grand Chiefs Office to create a model for emergency management for the First Nations in Manitoba, which considers the necessary human resources, equipment, funding, and infrastructure within each First Nation; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the First Nations model for emergency management encompass all aspects of emergency management services such as firefighting, overland flooding, and other natural disasters.

CERTIFIED COPY
of a Resolution Adopted
on May 23, 24 & 25, 2023
Winnipeg, MB


Grand Chief Cathy Merrick