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**RE: CLAIMS FOR THE FIRST NATIONS DRINKING WATER
SETTLEMENT DEADLINE EXTENSION**

Moved by:
Chief Sheldon Kent,
Black River First Nation

Seconded by: Proxy
Councillor Ryan Anderson,
Dauphin River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations citizens have the basic human right to reliable access to a sufficient, adequate and safe quantity of drinking water to assist First Nations in achieving the highest attainable standard of health, safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, the courts approved a settlement between Canada and certain First Nations who were subject to a drinking water advisory that lasted at least one year between November 20, 1995, and June 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Canada has agreed to make all reasonable efforts to support the removal of long-term drinking water advisories, including commitments to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure to provide First Nations and Individual Class Members with regular access to safe drinking water in their homes by March 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, a deadline of March 7, 2024, has been imposed on First Nations and individuals to submit a claim under the First Nations Drinking Water Settlement, which may lead to Manitoba First Nations claims not being completed or realized, causing further harm to First Nations citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief's Office to request an application for extension in the Class Action Lawsuit on the First Nations Drinking Water Settlement to ensure First Nations in Manitoba have adequate time to complete the claims process.

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RE: TRANSFORMATION OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION (FFMC)

Moved by:
Chief David Crate,
Fisher River Cree Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Heidi Cook,
Misipawistik Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Commercial Fishers Inc. (LWICF Inc.) met on February 16, 2024, to consider Fisher River Cree Nation to take the lead in pursuing an agreement and partnership with a proposal of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the government of Canada on a new entity; and

WHEREAS, LWICF Inc. recognized and acknowledged Fisher River Cree Nation's demonstrated ability to coordinate, operate, and manage its Financial and Human Resources, and adopted a resolution (attached) to support and accept Fisher River Cree Nation's proposal as it addresses the LWICF Inc. concerns and desire to have more control of the fishery industry; and

WHEREAS, the AMC recognizes the importance of local community commercial fishermen's desire to see the continuation of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation in some capacity under an alternative business model that could address many of their primary concerns including profit sharing, ownership over company assets, and greater control over strategic direction and governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support Fisher River Cree Nation in pursuing an agreement and partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the government of Canada on the transformation of the Freshwater Fisher Marketing Corporation.

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**RE: TRANSFORMATION OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING
CORPORATION (FFMC) (cont'd)**

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly supports Fisher River Cree Nation in submitting an "Expression of Interest" in partnership with the LWICF Inc. on the transformation of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and formation of a new entity.

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RE: STRATEGIC PLAN ON UNITY

Moved by:
Chief Angela Levasseur,
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Gordon Bluesky,
Brokenhead Ojibway
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in October 1987, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) adopted by consensus that the Chiefs of Manitoba call for regular Chiefs Assemblies to consider common concerns and collective action to be implemented either by existing organizations or institutions of First Nations and by new mechanisms and processes established from time to time by the Assembly to harness the spirit of a unified political movement for Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012, the Chiefs-in-Assembly ratified the Political Unity Accord as signed between AMC, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), and Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO), and directed First Nations in Manitoba to have strength in unity by ensuring a collective approach to develop joint processes and communication strategies regarding areas of common interest in furtherance of the Accord; and

WHEREAS, the Political Unity Accord (the Accord) resigned in October 2017 endorsed and adopted the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP), 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”; and

WHEREAS, a Strategic Plan on Unity will incorporate the foundational role of treaties in the strategy for engaging with the Crown in the right of Canada and the Crown in the right of Manitoba, and align the principles of UNDRIP; and

WHEREAS, as agreed to by the Accord, 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.

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RE: STRATEGIC PLAN ON UNITY (cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to collaborate with MKO, SCO, Anishinew Okimawin (AO), the Assembly of First Nations Regional Office, the Keewatin Tribal Council, and affiliated PTOs to prepare a Strategic Plan on Unity to support the common interests of the First Nations in Manitoba.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to lobby for a strategic approach for First Nations engagement with the Government of Manitoba and the Government of Canada that is grounded on First Nations Inherent identity, rights and freedoms, Treaty rights and UNDRIP principles.

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**RE: REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT ON THE PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR THE FIRST NATIONS CHILD
AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM**

Moved by:
Chief David Monias,
Pimicikamak Cree Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Betsy Kennedy,
War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in January 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) decision of the *First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada et al. v. Attorney General of Canada* ordered Canada to reform the discriminatory First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program; and

WHEREAS, from December 2016 to June 2017, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) began *Keewaywin: Our Way Home, Manitoba First Nations Engagement*, a First Nations-led initiative to develop First Nations Child and Family Services reform options and for the implementation of Jordan's Principle that respond to the CHRT decision; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Services Canada is responsible for providing funding to FNCFS agencies, which are established, managed, and controlled by First Nations and delegated by provincial authorities to provide prevention and protection services in accordance with the provincial legislation and standards; and

WHEREAS, through the bilateral funding agreements, ISC and provincial government negotiate and enter into formalized Service Level Agreements to establish operating parameters and performance to align with the FNCFS Program's terms of conditions; and

WHEREAS, as ordered by the CHRT in 2016 (CHRT 2), Canada must take steps to end the discriminatory funding, funding structures, policies, procedures, and agreements identified by the tribunal impacting First Nations children, youth, and families and to prevent the recurrence of discrimination. This obligation extends to the renewal of the Service Level Agreement.

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SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR THE FIRST NATIONS
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM (cont'd)**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the AMC Secretariat through the First Nations Family Advocate Office to conduct regional engagements with First Nations related to the Provincial/Territorial Service Level Agreements.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the First Nations Family Advocate Office to prepare a report on the findings of the regional engagement and to present at the AMC Women's Council for final approval to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs.

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**RE: MMIWG2S+ NATIONAL INQUIRY CALL FOR JUSTICE 5.1:
TRIPARTITE PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ABORIGINAL JUSTICE INQUIRY**

Moved by:
Chief Angela Levasseur,
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:
Chief John Thunder, Buffalo
Point First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution SEP30-93.15 *First Nation Justice Issues* to endorse the recommendations of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba and direct the AMC to immediately initiate a tripartite process with reform of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, Article 34 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* emphasizes that First Nations as indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop, and maintain their own legal systems, while also recognizing their right to access the national legal system on equal footing with others. This provision underscores the importance of ensuring that justice systems are inclusive, fair, and respectful of AMC member First Nation peoples' rights and identities; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution JUL-10.01 *Adoption and Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People* (UNDRIP) that is to pursue, preserve and protect the inherent right to self-determination and to undertake the development of a strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDA) advances the implementation of UNDRIP as a key step in renewing the Government of Canada's relationship with First Nations as indigenous peoples, and UNDA Action Plan Measure 1.28 is to increase access to justice and advance self-determination; and

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ABORIGINAL JUSTICE INQUIRY**
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WHEREAS, through resolution JUL-19.03, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly supports and endorses the report *Reclaiming Power and Place: the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered and Indigenous Women and Girls*. Call for Justice 5.1 of the final report of the National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+ calls upon all governments to immediately implement the recommendations in relation to the Canadian justice system in: *Bridging the Cultural Divide: A Report on Aboriginal People and Criminal Justice in Canada*, *Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples* (1996); and the *Report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba: Public Inquiry into the Administration of Justice and Aboriginal People* (1991).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to implement the MMIWG2S+ National Inquiry Call for Justice 5.1 and engage in a tripartite process with Canada and Manitoba to fully implement the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, and that this approach to Call for Justice 5.1 represents a regional First Nation response to related Action Plan Measures of Canada's *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that and the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Justice Committee to work with the AMC Women's Council to oversee the Tripartite Table to implement the recommendations of the AJI, and direct the AMC Secretariat and Grand Chief's Office to work together with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Southern Chiefs Organization, Anishinew Okimawin, and the Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief's Office on the implementation of the MMIWG2S+ National Inquiry Call for Justice 5.1 and the tripartite process to implement the recommendations of the AJI.

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**RE: RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG'S RAW SEWAGE DUMP
INTO THE RED RIVER**

Moved by:
Chief Gord Bluesky,
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Jason Daniels,
Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations have been protecting water since time immemorial, a responsibility to protect it as a precious gift from the Creator that is essential to life, meeting our physical and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winnipeg has stated in a news release dated February 20, 2024, that over 221.2 million litres of raw sewage have leaked into the Red River since February 7, 2024, related to a broken river crossing sewer pipe near the Fort Garry Bridge; and

WHEREAS, pollution from sewage leaking into river systems has a detrimental environmental impact on Lake Winnipeg, causing algae blooms and affecting traditional First Nations fishing and hunting grounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winnipeg did not properly inform affected First Nations of the leak and its potential impacts on communities situated near its waters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winnipeg did not urgently address the issue despite the affected sewer pipe being identified as problematic in November 2023, and has continually missed deadlines related to sewage treatment upgrades, specifically the North End treatment plant that was to have had upgrades completed by 2014; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have expressed concern over the City of Winnipeg's conduct related to raw sewage dumping and leaking into the Red River, namely "*MKO Leadership Sound Alarm Over Sewage Dumping into Red River*" article published in the Toronto Star on May 8, 2022, and media release on February 26, 2024 "*Treaty One Chiefs Express Concerns Over Red River Environmental Crisis and Demand Urgent Action from the City of Winnipeg and Government of Manitoba*".

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**RE: RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG'S RAW SEWAGE DUMP
INTO THE RED RIVER (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly condemn the City of Winnipeg for lack of urgency in resolving the matter of impaired infrastructure and preventing the raw sewage leak into the Red River; and for not communicating with affected First Nations in a timely fashion, blatantly disregarding the potential health and environmental impacts of the raw sewage leak.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs Office to engage the City of Winnipeg to demand immediate action by including AMC member First Nations in discussions pertaining to planning and development to ensure First Nations are adequately informed on issues that may affect them.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs office to establish a table where AMC member First Nations can inform and advocate for policy and procedures that may relate to natural resources affected by the City of Winnipeg's infrastructure and its potential failures.

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RE: AMENDMENT TO CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY RULES AND PROCEDURES – TIME LIMIT FOR WELCOMING REMARKS

Moved by:
Chief Wayne Desjarlais, Ebb
and Flow First Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Murray Clearsky,
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Constitution states in Article 7.1: The Chiefs-in-Assembly is a political forum for First Nations in Manitoba to conduct nation-to-nation discussions and to address common issues and concerns for the purpose of developing and accepting common strategies and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly respectfully wish to have meaningful discussions with less restriction on times allotted to speak and conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the current Chiefs-in-Assembly Rules and Procedures do not specify a time limit when delivering welcoming remarks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to impose a limit of two minutes per guest for delivering welcoming remarks, and that an amendment be made to the Chiefs-in-Assembly Rules and Procedures to reflect this change.

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**RE: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL TRAINING FOR THE PROVINCIAL
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Moved by:
Chief Elwood Zastre,
Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Nelson Genaille,
Sapotaweyak Cree 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, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution AUG-01.06 *Natural Resources Strategic Plan*; and

WHEREAS, at the May 2023 Chiefs-in-Assembly, the Chiefs passed resolution MAY-23.02 *Addressing the Impacts of the Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Agreement on First Nations in Manitoba*, which directed the Grand Chiefs Office and the Secretariat to:

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;
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;
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; and

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**RE: EDUCATION AND CULTURAL TRAINING FOR THE PROVINCIAL
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, First Nations have experienced mistreatment and harassment of Manitoba Conservation Officers due to the lack of understanding and the misinterpretation of Treaty Rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly calls on the provincial government to work with the AMC Secretariat and AMC Elder's Council to develop material for education and cultural training on First Nations Treaty rights for Manitoba's Conservation Officers of the Department of Natural Resources.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs Office and the AMC Secretariat to include education and cultural training into the NRTA's legal strategy and to present it at the next AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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RE: RESPONDING TO MMIWG2S+ NATIONAL INQUIRY CALLS FOR JUSTICE

Moved by:

Chief Angela Levasseur,
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Heidi Cook,
Misipawistik Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, a roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2LGTBTQI+ People was held on February 7 and 8, 2024 for Indigenous Leaders and Representatives, and Federal and Provincial Territorial Ministers, that excluded a formal invitation to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, roundtable discussions were held relating to the development of Canada's Red Dress Alert System, the National Indigenous and Human Rights Ombudsman and the MMIWG2S+ National Inquiry Calls for Justice; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2023, the AMC was only advised of the December 4th Red Dress Alert (RDA) engagement session with Minister Anandasangaree, and despite the lack of communication from the federal government, the AMC continued to attempt to engage them through various forms during the month of December 2023, requesting a formal invite and additional information on the RDA engagement; and

WHEREAS, due to the short notice, Chief Taralee Beardy attended the Roundtable session on behalf of Grand Chief Cathy Merrick and during those sessions she was not afforded equal opportunity to speak, despite making requests on 4 separate occasions. Chief Beardy was abruptly told to "wrap it up" after 2 minutes while others, including non-First Nations attendees were allotted up to 15 minutes to present their positions; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has dedicated significant effort to address the long history of violence that has resulted in First Nations citizens being missing or murdered; and

WHEREAS, the AMC was given a commitment from a representative from Canada to follow up with the AMC Grand Chief's office to engage with the AMC Women's Council, no one has yet followed up; and

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RE: RESPONDING TO MMIWG2S+ NATIONAL INQUIRY CALLS FOR JUSTICE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, UNDRIP identifies several cultural religious and linguistic rights (articles 8, 11, 12, 13, 25, 31), and Canada's *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (UNDA) states:

99. Utilizing a culturally appropriate and gender-based lens, support the Calls for Justice by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and the Métis-centred Calls for Miskotahâ through applicable program and policy supports, leading engagement with other government organizations and Indigenous peoples to codevelop an approach to support funding for Indigenous-led cultural initiatives. (Canadian Heritage); and

WHEREAS, the government of Canada's current approach to the implementation of the MMIWG2S+ National Inquiry Calls for Justice has left the AMC, the AMC Women's Council and AMC member First Nations, out of the federally funded engagements and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly take great insult in the Government of Canada's lack of communication, engagement and equitable treatment of AMC member First Nations and the AMC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the AMC Secretariat to work with AMC member First Nations, Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), Anishinew Okimawin (AO), and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Manitoba Regional Chief's Office, and First Nation-mandated organizations to develop and carry out a First Nation response to the MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice, and directs the AMC Women's Council to provide ongoing oversight, guidance, and direction on its implementation.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the AMC as the regional First Nation organization to implement the UNDA Action Plan Measure 1.99. This is to co-develop with Canada a regional approach through applicable programs and policy support. The AMC will engage with Canada and other government organizations and AMC member First Nations to develop a regional approach to support funding for First Nation-led cultural initiatives.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the creation of a regional missing First Nation citizen alert and directs the AMC Secretariat and Grand Chief's Office to further develop the concept of a "Waabigwan Alert" for all missing AMC member First Nation citizens.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly calls on Canada to review the regional funding allocated for First Nations in Manitoba by the MMIWG2S+ Secretariat, and work with the AMC to review the regional initiatives and activities funded, including the Manitoba First Nation Family Information Liaison Units. To this end, the AMC Secretariat is mandated to work with Canada to develop a joint comprehensive review process and conduct it in partnership with Canada aimed at enhancing the quality of services and ensuring greater accountability.

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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON
THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ACT**

Moved by:
Chief David Monias,
Pimicikamak Cree Nation

Seconded by:
Chief Angela Levasseur,
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Constitution is rooted in advancing First Nations' inherent rights and Treaty rights, sovereignty, self-determination; and

WHEREAS, *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* ("UNDRIP") is a non-binding United Nations declaration intended to set out minimum standards for the recognition of collective and individual rights of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Canada formally endorsed UNDRIP without qualification in 2016, and the federal legislation *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* ("UNDA") was assented to in 2021; and

WHEREAS, UNDA requires Canada to prepare and implement an action plan to take 'all measures necessary' to ensure consistency of federal laws with UNDRIP in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to lead regional discussions concerning *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan* (Action Plan) and the measures associated with the Crown's consistency of laws obligation within UNDA in section 5, including federal legislation and policy.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to reinvigorate the Chiefs' Committee on Self-Determination and Treaties to provide oversight, guidance, and direction on the work related to the Action Plan.

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chiefs Office to meet with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Southern Chiefs Organization, Anishininew Okimawin and the Assembly of First Nations Regional Chiefs Office to develop a First Nations regional approach on the shared priorities of the Action Plan and report back to the next AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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Grand Chief Cathy Merrick