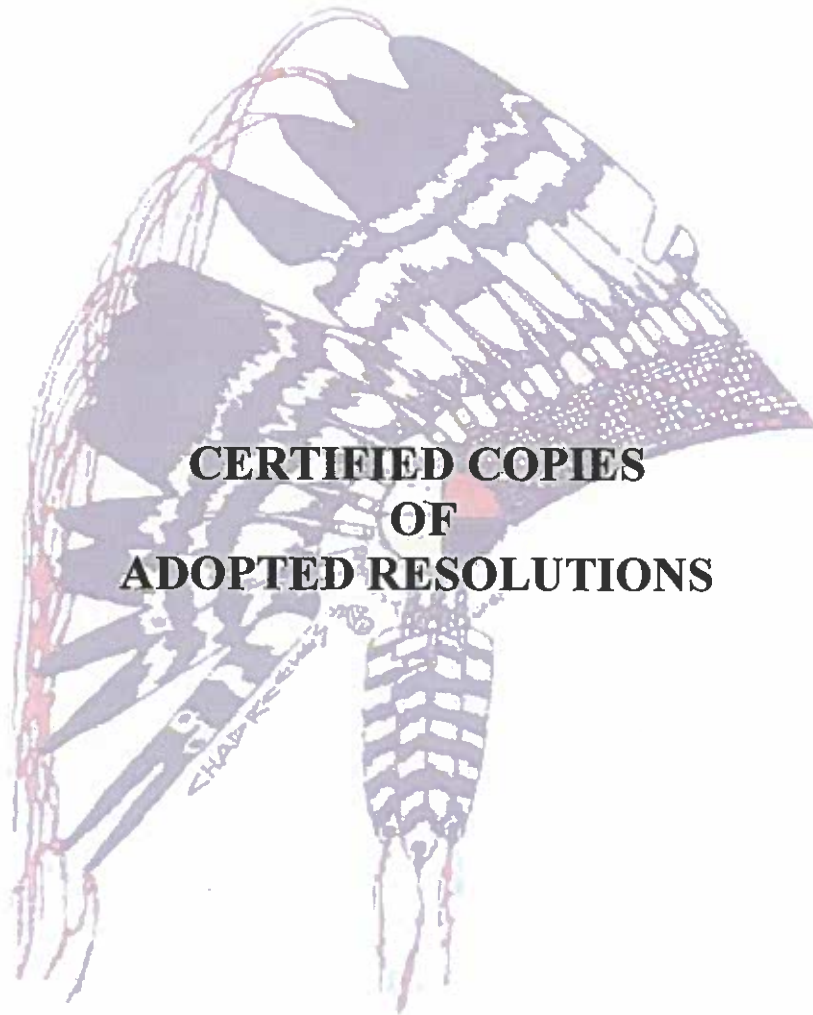


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**RE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE
POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, Jordan's Principle ensures that First Nations children have equitable access to essential services without delays caused by jurisdictional disputes; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution DEC-24.01 *First Nations in Manitoba Political, Legal and Communication Strategy for Jordan's Principle*, the Chiefs-in-Assembly directed that Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Secretariat work with First Nations organizations to develop a political, legal, and communication strategy to address the funding crisis and systemic barriers affecting the implementation of Jordan's Principle; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution DEC-24.02 *Strengthening Equity Roundtable Governance and Addressing Systemic Challenges in Jordan's Principle Implementation*, the Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the governance frameworks under the Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable and addressing systemic challenges caused by the unilateral actions of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC); and

WHEREAS, the AMC Secretariat, in response to these directives, met with representatives of the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), Anishininew Okimawin (AO), Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC), and Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Manitoba Regional Chief's Office, to develop a draft political, legal, and communication strategy that outlines actionable solutions to resolve backlogged service requests, secure adequate and sustainable funding, restore First Nations decision-making authority, and address systemic inequities in the implementation of Jordan's Principle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly accept and approve the draft Manitoba First Nations Jordan's Principle Political, Legal, and Communication Strategy as developed by the AMC Secretariat in collaboration with First Nations organizations and leadership, and direct the AMC Secretariat to proceed with the implementation of the strategy in partnership with SCO, MKO, AO, KTC, and AFN-Manitoba Region.

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POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY (cont.)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Secretariat is directed to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the progress of the strategy's implementation at the next scheduled Assembly, and encourage all AMC-member First Nations to participate in its activities.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to seek formal support for the Manitoba First Nations Jordan's Principle Political, Legal, and Communication Strategy through a resolution at the next Chiefs Assembly of the Assembly of First Nations.

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**Moved by: Chief Heidi Cook
Misipawistik Cree Nation**

**Seconded by: Chief Shirley Ducharme
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation**

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Grand Chief Kyra Wilson

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**RE: DEMANDING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO IMPLEMENT TREATY
OBLIGATIONS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), through Article 3 of the AMC Constitution and 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 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights for First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has a legal and moral obligation to fulfill the obligations made under Treaties, as reaffirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada, which has recognized that the Crown must diligently honour its Treaty obligations through negotiation to renew the Treaty relationship, advance reconciliation, and restore the honour of the Crown; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations in Manitoba have engaged in good faith negotiations with the Government of Canada to advance reconciliation, address historical grievances, and to fulfill Treaty promises through Canada's Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD) tables and through Canada's specific claims process; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 49 specific claims filed by First Nations in Manitoba, with many more in the research and development stages, as well as 13 RIRSD tables representing First Nations, Tribal Councils, and Treaty areas; and

WHEREAS, Fox Lake Cree Nation has engaged in RIRSD negotiations related to hydroelectric projects enabled by the Government of Canada, as well as specific claims negotiations related to Canada's failure to provide Fox Lake First Nation with a secure reserve land base; however, in the summer of 2024, the Government of Canada abruptly and arbitrarily delayed negotiations, citing budget constraints and signaling that the government of Canada has abandoned their fiduciary responsibility; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2025, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation and confirmed that Parliament will be prorogued until March 24, 2025, resulting in further delays to negotiations with First Nations in Manitoba; and

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WHEREAS, the Government of Canada's internal political instability cannot continue to detract from their outstanding legal obligations to First Nations in Manitoba, as the failure to fulfill Treaty obligations violates the principles of reconciliation and undermines trust while perpetuating historical injustices suffered by First Nations; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have repeatedly called on the Government of Canada to return to negotiations to resolve longstanding issues, as the Government of Canada cannot unilaterally set the timeline for reconciliation with First Nations and must respect the Nation-to-Nation relationship established under Treaties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirm that reconciliation requires immediate and meaningful action by the Government of Canada, including the resumption of good faith negotiations with First Nations in Manitoba to fulfill Treaty obligations and address historical grievances.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly urgently calls upon the Government of Canada to immediately resume negotiations with First Nations in Manitoba at the RIRSD and specific claims tables, with the goal of fulfilling Treaty obligations, achieving reconciliation, and restoring the honour of the Crown, in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of the former Manitoba Framework Agreement Initiative and the recognition of First Nations' inherent rights.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to advocate that the Government of Canada allocate sufficient resources, including financial and human resources, to ensure the timely and effective resolution of RIRSD and specific claims negotiations.

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC to collaborate with First Nations in Manitoba to hold the Government of Canada accountable for its legal and moral obligations and to explore potential legal, political, and international avenues to ensure Treaty obligations are fulfilled.

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Fox Lake Cree Nation**

**Seconded by: Chief Angela Levasseur
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation**

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