

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT: QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSEMBLIES**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Larry Barker
Hollow Water First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, participation in AMC, a coordinated and cooperative political system by the First Nations' peoples and communities is accomplished through elected representatives. These representatives consist of 62 Chiefs of the Manitoba First Nations, whose primary responsibility is to ensure that they represent their citizens' needs and aspirations at the political level; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly have attempted to deal with quorum requirements to begin Assemblies and to conduct business through various amendments to the AMC Constitution in 1999, 2001, and 2007; and

WHEREAS, lack of quorum has resulted in the inability to begin and conduct AMC Chiefs in Assembly business accordingly; and

WHEREAS, in the AMC Constitution, "Quorum" is defined in Appendix "A" Glossary of Terms as "the number of members who must be present in a deliberative body before business may be transacted." Article 8 states:

1. That a quorum is established when attendance reflects 50% plus one, of Chiefs of the member First Nations when the assembly is called to order by the Chair.
2. In the event of voting, each Chief or duly recognized delegate shall have one vote.

APPENDIX "B" CHIEFS-IN-ASSEMBLY RULES AND PROCEDURES state:

3. QUORUM

- 3.1 To commence the Assembly, a quorum of delegates representing the majority of member First Nations must be registered on the first day of the Assembly.
- 3.2 A quorum for the Assembly is established when 50% plus one of all the Chiefs/Delegates of the member First Nations are present, when the Assembly is called to order by the Chair.
- 3.3 Once a quorum is established at the commencement of an Assembly each day pursuant to Section 3.1 the Chiefs-in-Assembly may conduct business and pass resolutions notwithstanding a quorum does not exist throughout the remainder of the Assembly that day; and

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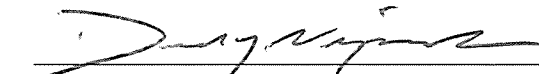
WHEREAS, options for quorum change were presented for leadership consideration at this September 2016 AMC Annual General Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly approve an amendment to the AMC Constitution to reflect a change in the quorum requirement:

3.3 *Once a quorum is established at the commencement of an Assembly on the first day pursuant to Section 3.1 the Chiefs-in-Assembly may conduct business and pass resolutions notwithstanding a quorum does not exist throughout the remainder of the Assembly."*

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT: DEFINITION OF PROXY**

Moved by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Chris Baker
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin
Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, participation in AMC, a coordinated and cooperative political system by the First Nations' peoples and communities is accomplished through elected representatives. These representatives consist of the 62 Chiefs of the Manitoba First Nations, whose primary responsibility is to ensure that they represent their citizens' needs and aspirations at the political level; and

WHEREAS, the issue of Proxy is similar to the quorum requirement issue for AMC Chiefs in Assembly to conduct business and pass resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Proxy is defined in the Chiefs-In-Assembly Rules and Procedures, Appendix "B" of the AMC Constitution as, "a person who is substituted or deputed by another to represent him and act for him. Usually done through writing or a written instrument. Used also to describe the instrument containing the appointment."

Proxies are also referred to in Article 6 of the AMC Constitution:

4. In the absence of a Chief who may not have an elected Council, designated representatives or proxies who are accredited officially in writing by that member First Nation for that purpose, may participate fully in the Chiefs-in-Assembly forum.

WHEREAS, previous concerns and discussions have occurred pertaining to allowing flexibility for the definition of a proxy, for example in the event a Chief has to leave an Assembly early, he or she should be able to delegate or give his or her vote to a person of their choosing; and

WHEREAS, options for proxy definition change were presented for leadership consideration at this September 2016 AMC Annual General Assembly.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly approve an amendment to the AMC Constitution a change in the definition of a proxy:

Article 6

- 3. In the absence of a Chief of a First Nation in Manitoba, a Proxy, who is a designated elected representative and who is accredited officially in writing by the Chief of that First Nation for that purpose, may participate in the Chiefs in Assembly forum.*

APPENDIX A, GLOSSARY OF TERMS

PROXY A person who is a designated elected representative from the First Nation of a Chief who is substituted or deputed to represent and act for him or her.

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

Moved by:

A/Chief Gilbert Fredette
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jim Tobacco
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

CARRIED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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**RE: MANDATORY REQUIREMENT OF A MANITOBA HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE ON TREATIES AND THE TREATY RELATIONSHIP**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Derrick Henderson
Sagkeeng First Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has adopted Resolution (*Mar-10.04 Mandatory Education Curriculum on Treaties for Students in All Schools in Manitoba*), on calling for Treaty Education to be offered to all students in Manitoba from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) as a means of ensuring that the opportunity to learn about Treaties and the Treaty relationship is extended to all; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has developed Treaty Education K-12 resources which are available through one and two-day training workshops in different regions of the province for teachers, school administrators, divisional/regional consultants (catalyst teachers) and education leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has been a partner in the development of the Treaty Education K-12 resources and continues to support the Treaty education training of all educators across the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has the authority to mandate curriculum throughout the Province and First Nations continue to use Provincial curriculum guides for delivering K-12; and

WHEREAS, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action No. 62 (i) calls “upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, in consultation and collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal peoples, and educators, to: make age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples’ historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for K-12 students”; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba passed “the Path to Reconciliation Act” affirming that the Government of Manitoba is committed to reconciliation and will be guided by the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the principles set out in the United Nations Declaration and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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(cont'd)**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba to develop a Grade 11 high school course of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby the Province of Manitoba to make the proposed new course a requirement for Grade 12 graduation for all students in Manitoba.

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**RE: DESIGNATION OF BOTIIGOONG (THE CROSSING) AS
HISTORICAL SITE**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First
Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have the mandate for advocating and lobbying for matters in the collective interests of its member First Nations in Manitoba; and

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, the landmark known to First Nations as “Botiigoong” (The Crossing) located on the Assiniboine River, East of Brandon at the end of what is now Richmond Street, and South of the “The Rapids” on the Assiniboine River is a known historical site to generations of First Nations people who used this shallow point to cross the River; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba has the mandate for facilitation, research and public education related to promoting awareness and understanding of Treaties and the Treaty relationship, which includes various Treaty commemoration celebrations and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognizes that the oral history of First Nations peoples through First Nations languages continues to be a fundamental instrument for transmitting the history of First Nations peoples’ history, language, relationship to land, culture, traditions and practices to successive generations which includes preserving historic landmarks such “Botiigoong” (The Crossing); and

WHEREAS, this site was a natural landmark for the boundary between Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 and is now being referenced as such in scholarly research at Brandon University; and

WHEREAS, this landmark is of historical significance to both First Nations peoples who freely travelled on the land prior to Confederation through Treaties with the different nations; and to early Settlers who came to seek refuge in this country for a better life.

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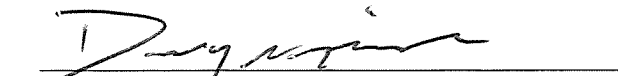
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HISTORICAL SITE (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs work closely with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and the proper authorities within the Province of Manitoba, the City of Brandon, and the Federal Government to work together and facilitate the goal of identifying and preserving the landmark known as “Botiigoong” (The Crossing) as a designated historical site.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that Botiigoong (The Crossing) be designated as an historical site with significance to the history of successive generations of First Nations peoples who through the oral tradition can continue to retell the narratives linking their Nations to this site in respective First Nation languages with the intention of sharing the history linked to this site with all other Manitobans to create an awareness and appreciation for this landmark within the City of Brandon.

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RE: FIRST NATIONS DIRECTIVES FOR JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

Moved by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Walter Spence
Fox Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly unanimously supported “Action for the Implementation of Jordan’s Principle” resolution JAN-11.03, including the *Declaration on Action for Implementation of Jordan’s Principle* and mandating action to be led by the AMC and Chiefs Task Force on Health; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in a landmark ruling released on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) found that the Canadian government is racially discriminating against 163,000 First Nations children and their families, and failing to implement Jordan's Principle to ensure equitable access to government services available to other children; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada “called upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan’s Principle” in order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation with the First Peoples; and

WHEREAS, in 2014-2016, the AMC commissioned a Process Evaluation of the “Case Conferencing to Case Resolution Process in Manitoba” designed by provincial and federal governments, and the findings conclude that:

- Government departments/representatives in Manitoba continue to use a narrow definition of Jordan’s Principle limited to “multiple complex medical need” resulting in no cases meeting the definition; and
- The Process raises significant ethical issues as, through the case conferencing process which takes up to 12 months, most families remain limited to the 2 options of: placing their children in CFS care to access service or relocating off-reserve; and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott and Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett issued a joint statement committing \$382-million over 3 years to actively engage with the First Nations and the provinces to establish supports, better co-ordinate efforts, and “ensure that First Nations children living on-reserve receive the health and social services they need in a timely manner”; and

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WHEREAS, the AMC and Nanaandawewigamig have participated as Observers in the Terms of Reference Official Working Group (TOROWG) which was established by the Province of Manitoba and Federal departments (INAC and FNIHB) to develop a common understanding on Jordan's Principle and help ensure that First Nations children with disabilities are able to access services comparable to children in similar circumstances (Normative Services); and

WHEREAS, the TOROWG is moving forward with decisions in relation to the July 2016 announcement made by the Government of Canada for “enhanced service coordination and service access resolution”, without First Nations engagement or consultation; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Urban Transition Centre has successfully established the First Nations Special Needs Advocate Office with funding from Health Canada to assist families in accessing supports and services, as well as leading collaborative efforts across federal and provincial jurisdictions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to issue formal correspondence to the Federal Ministers of Health and Indigenous Affairs and the Ministers of Health and Families for the Province of Manitoba to bring forth the First Nations recommendations for new investments into Jordan's Principle implementation as hereby endorsed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

Recommendation #1: Restructure the existing intergovernmental table (TOROWG) to support a new approach for the implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba that serves the function necessary to make health, social, and educational services accessible to all First Nations children regardless of residency.

Recommendation #2: That the AMC/Eagle Urban Transition Centre – Special Needs Advocate Office are best suited to lead this new enhanced service coordination and thereby to receive core operational funding to function with their two (2) current Service Coordinators for urban and southern First Nations and any additional staff required to train and build capacity at the Tribal Council and community level.

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Recommendation #3: That three additional Service Coordinator positions are strategically placed to serve all Northern First Nations including Keewatin Tribal Council, Cree Nation Tribal Health Centre, and Island Lake Tribal Council/Four Arrows Health Authority.

Recommendation #4: Revive the Children's Special Services Program (developed by Awasis Agency of Northern Manitoba and Norway House Cree Nation) and implement it across Manitoba (assisting families with children born with technology dependencies).

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief call for a meeting with Federal Ministers of Health and Indigenous Affairs and the Ministers of Health and Families for the Province of Manitoba to establish an Intergovernmental Task Force to:

- (a) Define the ethical, moral, and legal authorities for implementation of Jordan's Principle including but not limited to:
 - Legislation; and
 - First Nations governance standards.
- (b) Uphold the implementation of Jordan's Principle to its fullest extent.

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**RE: REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT ON FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES**

Moved by:

Chief Chris Baker
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin
First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin
First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly accepted the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Report Bringing Our Children Home in June 2014 by way of resolution (*June-14.01 Supporting Action on the recommendations presented within Bringing Our Children Home: Summary Report on the outcomes of the open citizens forum and recommendations for Leadership Consideration*) and Bringing Our Children Home identified the need to overhaul the Manitoba First Nations Child and Family Services that involves and engages First Nations and respects First Nations jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Bringing Our Children Home led to the October 15, 2014 “*Agreement on Collaborative Action Concerning “Bringing Our Children Home” and Achieving the Reunification of First Nation Families*” between AMC, MKO, SCO and AFN Regional Chief’s Office which included the establishment of a Technical Committee on Children and Families with all parties; and

WHEREAS, the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission identified dealing with First Nations child welfare in its first five Calls to Action; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decision in First Nations Caring Society of Canada v. Canada found that the Tribunal found Canada discriminates against First Nations children, ordered Canada to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services Program, and to fully implement Jordan’s Principle; and

WHEREAS, the AMC has long supported Jordan’s Principle and worked to have it implemented. The recent order of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal told Canada to fully implement Jordan’s Principle on AND OFF reserves; and

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WHEREAS, at the July 25, 2016 Regional Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada representative announced that Canada was proposing a regional engagement of First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) that would include:

- Following up on the Tribunal's decision to implement Jordan's Principle and review the FNCFS Program;
- The TRC's Calls to Action;
- Bringing Our Children Home;
- The Manitoba Government's response to the Hughes Inquiry and subsequent AMR Planning and Consultation Report; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2016 the AMC Secretariat submitted a proposal to the INAC Manitoba Region to conduct regional engagement which would follow the process, phases of reconciliation and values established by Cindy Blackstock and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society in Reconciliation in Child Welfare: Touchstones of Hope for Indigenous Children, Youth, and Families ("Touchstones of Hope"); and

WHEREAS, the AMC proposes regional engagement include involving grassroots First Nations citizens, service providers and a wide selection of stakeholders. It also includes oversight by the Chiefs Task Force on Child and Family Matters, and a Special Chief Assembly on CFS in March 2017.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the AMC Secretariat to conduct regional engagement on First Nations Child and Family Services, and that AMC, MKO and SCO work together on said engagement through the Technical Advisory Group on Children and Families identified in the *Agreement on Collaborative Action Concerning "Bringing Our Children Home" and Achieving the Reunification and Strengthening of First Nation Families*"; and

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FAMILY SERVICES (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs Task Force on Child and Family Matters be expanded to include three Chiefs from the north and three Chiefs from the south.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that as part of the regional engagement of First Nations Child and Family Services, the Chiefs-in-Assembly have an Assembly on First Nations Child and Family Services in March 2017 in Winnipeg.

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**RE: ONGOING SUPPORT FOR 60'S SCOOP AND A REPATRIATION
PROGRAM IN SPIRIT OF TRC RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) through previous resolutions has supported adoptees through the 60's Scoop and the previous Repatriation Program (1992-2001) which governments determined there was no longer a need for; and

Seconded by:

Chief Stephanie Blackbird
O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi
First Nation

WHEREAS, there are ongoing needs and unresolved issues pertaining to the 60's Scoop both on and off reserve; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the 2015 Connecting Spirits: An Indigenous Adoption and Foster Care Gathering held by the Manitoba Indigenous Adoptees Coalition. Adoptees identified the need for immediate renewed support services such as mental, emotional, and spiritual resources for the adoptees and their families; and

WHEREAS, the AMC First Nations Family Advocate Office has increasingly found that there is a connection between residential schools, 60's Scoop, the former children's aid society, the current child and family services system, and that survivors have lost their connection to their identity and biological family. These issues are being addressed currently at the Family Advocate Office and will require funding support; and

WHEREAS, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission identified the connection between the residential schools and the 60's Scoop.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the Manitoba Indigenous Adoptees Coalition to continue to work on 60's Scoop initiatives.


FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to solicit funding and support from the provincial and federal governments to establish a Repatriation Program, Part II to be operated through the AMC First Nations Family Advocate Office.

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**RE: FULL SUPPORT OF MA-MA-WE 'ESHI-CHE-KE-WIN/ MA-MA-WAN-
JI-IDI-WAG, FIRST NATIONS COMING TOGETHER IN UNITY: A
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Moved by:

Chief Cathy Merrick
Pimicikamak Cree Nation

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution Jan-11.06 mandating AMC to expand the scope of a First Nations community engagement process on health governance with direct involvement of Community Health Directors and Tribal Councils; and

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, in 2014, Health Canada – First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (HC-FNIHB) provided \$184k to Nanaandawewigamig to develop a First Nation Community Engagement Framework; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, In 2015, Nanaandawewigamig engaged with the AMC Elders Council, First Nations Grandmothers, Chief-in-Assembly, and the Tribal Council and Independent First Nations Health Directors to develop *Ma-Ma-We 'Eshi-Che-Ke-Win/ Ma-Ma-Wan-Ji-Idi-Wag, First Nations Coming Together in Unity: A Community Engagement Framework* to support comprehensive engagement with our 63 First Nation communities over a period of 36 months; and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, HC-FNIHB made a multi-year commitment to support the implementation of the framework with initial funding of \$460,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in March and April 2016, recruitment of the Regional Community Engagement team through Nanaandawewigamig and the 7 Tribal Councils was completed; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of \$350,000.00 confirmed by HC-FNIHB for 2016-17 will only cover the costs associated with engagement of 63 First Nations up to September 30, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, the Nanaandawewigamig Board of Directors and Manitoba First Nations Health Technicians Network (MFNHTN) have advised that scaling back the Community Engagement Framework will not meet the defined First Nation standard to obtain sufficient input from communities to:

- Reliably inform a First Nations Model of Wellness; and
- Have meaningful involvement in defining the tri-partite relationship as it relates to First Nations health governance in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, collectively, the First Nations of Manitoba will not make concessions on the First Nations Community Engagement Framework nor permit Health Canada to drive our First Nation-designed processes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC Grand Chief Derek Nepinak support the Nanaandawewigamig Board of Directors to secure a meeting with the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health – Government of Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly assert that HC-FNIHB has an obligation to meet the multi-year commitment and is accountable to fully fund the Community Engagement process as follows:

2016/17 - \$ 647,977.00 additional from what has been committed to date
2017/18 - \$ 1,721,208.00
2018/19 - \$ 921,275.48.

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**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS SUPPORT OF STANDING
ROCK SIOUX NATIONS OPPOSITION TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS
PIPELINE**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin
First Nation

WHEREAS, the Indigenous peoples of our Sovereign Nations declare the GREAT SPIRIT gave us one UNIVERSAL LAW that binds all Nations and therein contains the law to protect and sustain Mother Earth; a sacred law to respect the spirit of the water; and

Seconded by:

Chief Michael McKay
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs acknowledge Standing Rock Sioux Nations are protecting their homelands, burial sites and waters that the *Dakota Access Pipeline* threatens supported by the United States government, the police and the National Guard; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support and stand in solidarity with the Sioux Nations who have encamped at Standing Rock, North Dakota called the Red Warrior Camp to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the collective actions of the Indigenous Nations to protect Mother Earth; a duty bestowed to Indigenous Peoples and the care-givers of water.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby:

1. STAND IN SOLIDARITY with Sioux Nations of STANDING ROCK, North Dakota and other Nations who have aligned themselves to oppose the *Dakota Assess Pipeline*.
2. Call upon the women who are the sacred *Water Keepers* namely the *Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs First Nations Women's Committee* to deliver this statement by the Chiefs-in-Assembly to the Red Warrior Camp.
3. Call upon the government of United States to recognize and implement the doctrine of *Free, Prior and Informed Consent* and to obtain consent from the Sioux Nations at STANDING ROCK on all proposed commercial development in their territory.

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RE: SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Moved by:

Chief Derrick Henderson
Sagkeeng First Nation

WHEREAS, at the end of June and the beginning of July 2016, Manitoba First Nations began receiving letters from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Manitoba Region in regards to the collection of financial recoveries that were generated through the new compliance review process since April 1, 2013; and

Seconded by:

Chief Walter Spence
Fox Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, this new compliance review process has numerous flaws and has been used to enforce the “Draft Income Assistance Guide as at October 2012”, which lacks clarity and is open to interpretation; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Third Party Managers who are appointed by Regional Director General of the Manitoba Region are not following this Draft Income Assistance Guide in determining eligibility and dispersing payments; and

WHEREAS, these Third Party Managers have not been held responsible for the financial recoveries generated through the new compliance review process and it appears to be a “double standard” being applied; and

WHEREAS, further the Minister of Indigenous Affairs has to become aware of these issues within the income assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly held on March 8-10, 2016 in Dakota Tipi First Nation the resolution, First Nations Income Assistance Policy in Manitoba Region in Manitoba Region was passed by the Chiefs in Assembly on March 8, 2016. It spoke to many issues such as shelter allowance, utility payments, the impacts of the new Compliance Framework on First Nations, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, the potential infringement upon the equity rights of s.15(1) of the Charter of Human Rights from the Income Assistance Policy; and

WHEREAS, the resolution further stated, “...the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs directs the AMC Grand Chief to challenge the shelter allowance and compliance review policy and to inform Indigenous Affairs that Manitoba First Nations will not permit Indigenous Affairs compliance officers into their territories...the AMC will seek resources to work with the Social Development Advisors Technical Group to prepare and implement a comprehensive political strategy, including wage parity, claw backs, shelter allowance and CMHC policy involving ministerial loan guarantee, levying fees, and comparable services to provincial income assistance”; and

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WHEREAS, the Grand Chief's efforts along with the support of the Chiefs-in-Assembly has effectively suspended the compliance review process since March 8, 2016, but the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Manitoba Region has begun to collect the financial recoveries generated through the new compliance framework since April 1, 2013.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly encourage the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to arrange a series of meetings with the Indigenous Affairs Minister and other government departments required to wipe away the financial recoveries generated through compliance reviews on the income assistance program in the Manitoba Region since April 1, 2013.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indigenous Affairs Minister is required to intervene in the Manitoba Regions operations of the Income Assistance program, in the spirit of a new relationship, there requires to be an overhaul of the Draft Income Assistance Guide as of October 2012 that includes the supports required to transition Income Assistance clients to employment.

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**RE: REMOVAL OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH BRANCH,
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER – MANITOBA (PAM SMITH)**

Moved by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the mandate of First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) is to:

- Ensure the availability of, or access to, health services for First Nations and Inuit communities;
- Assist First Nations and Inuit communities to address health barriers, disease threats and attain health levels comparable to other Canadians living in similar locations; and
- Build strong partnerships with First Nations and Inuit to improve the health system; and

WHEREAS, the current priorities of FNIHB are to:

- Manage the cost-effective delivery of health services within the fiscal limits of the First Nation and Inuit Health Envelope;
- Transfer existing health resources to First Nations and Inuit control within a time-frame to be determined by them;
- Support action on health status inequalities affecting First Nations and Inuit communities according to their identified priorities;
- Establish a renewed relationship with First Nations and Inuit people.

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba, Councils and Tribal Councils have endured the administrative approaches of Pam Smith as Regional Executive Officer (REO) for two plus years; and

WHEREAS, the following disrespectful, unacceptable and unethical conduct has been exhibited by the current REO:

- Some Northern First Nations have reported that the REO have continuously ignored recommendations by First Nation health representatives on program development and funding, e.g. the REO transferred the *Patient Navigator and Mental Health Funds* against strong recommendation.
- the REO is often abrupt and impatient insisting “last minute responses” on critical issues that require time and informed decision making.

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(cont'd)**

- Failure to engage First Nations in determining First Nation priorities, service program delivery, systems change and funding requirements.
- Unilateral and arbitrary decision making on transferring services to the provincial government including regional health authorities without consulting First Nations leadership and First Nation health authorities.
- Manufacturing First Nation consent by establishing committees with First Nations and Tribal Councils representation to advise FNIHB with no mandate or authority to make decisions and no accountability for FNIHB to listen to First Nation input.
- Unilateral decision-making on funding programs and projects with no regard for the collective First Nation priority of supporting First Nation initiatives by First Nation people and leadership.

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRCC) calls upon the Federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples, to establish measurable goals to identify and close the gaps in health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, and to publish annual reports and assess long-term trends. Such efforts would focus on indicators such as: Infant mortality, maternal health, suicide, mental health, addictions, life expectancy, birth rates, infant and child health issues, chronic diseases, illness and injury incidence, and the availability of appropriate health services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly upon reviewing the legitimate complaints brought forward to this Assembly concerning the work performance of the Regional Executive Officer of FNIHB Manitoba Region (Pam Smith) and without prejudice recommend an immediate replacement of the said position.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the new replacement be jointly agreed to by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Government of Canada selecting a person who will be instrumental in working collaboratively and meaningfully in partnership with Manitoba First Nation Chiefs, Councils, Tribal Councils and organizations.

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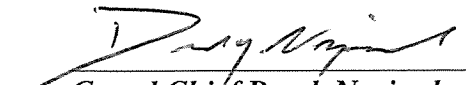
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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, if the present REO is transferred within FNIHB or in any affiliated Health Canada department that she not be allowed to impact or influence any decision regarding Manitoba First Nations health programs, services and funding.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Government of Canada honour the renewed “Nation to Nation” Relationship and to implement the recommendations in section 19.

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RE: SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Moved by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, Canada launched a comprehensive review of environmental assessment and regulatory processes. This includes a review of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) National Energy Board (NEB) modernization, changes to the *Fisheries Act*, and review of the *Navigation Protection Act*; and

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches
Swan Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, two Expert Panels will complete their reviews and provide their reports with recommendations to the Ministers by January 31, 2017; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2016 Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) submitted a Participant Funding Application for the CEAA review, NEB modernization, and a review of the *Fisheries Act*; and

WHEREAS, AMC's planned participation in the reviews include in-person representations before the Expert Panel for the Review of Environmental Assessment Processes and the Expert Panel for the NEB modernization, a two-day Chiefs Assembly, written submissions, 2 Elder Gatherings and 4 Town Hall meetings (subject to funding approval); and

WHEREAS, AMC is also an intervenor at the NEB pertaining to Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Program (to replace 1600 km of pipeline with a new pipeline and pumping units) and the Energy East (4,500 km pipeline proposed by TransCanada to carry 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day from Alberta to New Brunswick).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly will hold a Special Chiefs Assembly on Climate Change and the Environment from November 29 to December 1, 2016. The agenda on the first day will be the Treaty Alliance and the next two days will include the above-noted processes related to climate change and the environment.

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**RE: ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE DENE OF MANITOBA FOR
RATIFICATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH CANADA**

Moved by:

Chief Ernie Bussidor
Sayisi Dene First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) have supported the Dene people and Nations of Manitoba in their pursuit and recognition of their treaty rights and traditional lands through resolutions passed in 1989, 1992, 1997 and 1998; and

Seconded by:

Chief Joe Antsanen
Northlands First Nation

WHEREAS, the Dene have since time immemorial lived in their traditional territories in what is now northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Sayisi Dene First Nation and the Northlands First Nation have been involved in multi-lateral land claim negotiations with the Government of Canada, and the Governments of Manitoba, Nunavut and Northwest Territories for the past 17 years; and

WHEREAS, after 17 years all First Nations involved including Kivilliq Inuit Association, Athabasca Dene Akaitcho Dene, Manitoba Dene and Metis Association (NWT) have all made the necessary commitments and sacrifices to settle their differences to ratify this land claim; and

WHEREAS, these negotiations are being delayed by the Governments of Nunavut and Northwest Territories and their unreasonable demands to re-open negotiated principles between Canada and the First Nations involved.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly give their full support to the Dene Nations of Manitoba in their demands to Canada to finalize and ratify their land claims North of 60, bilaterally.

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