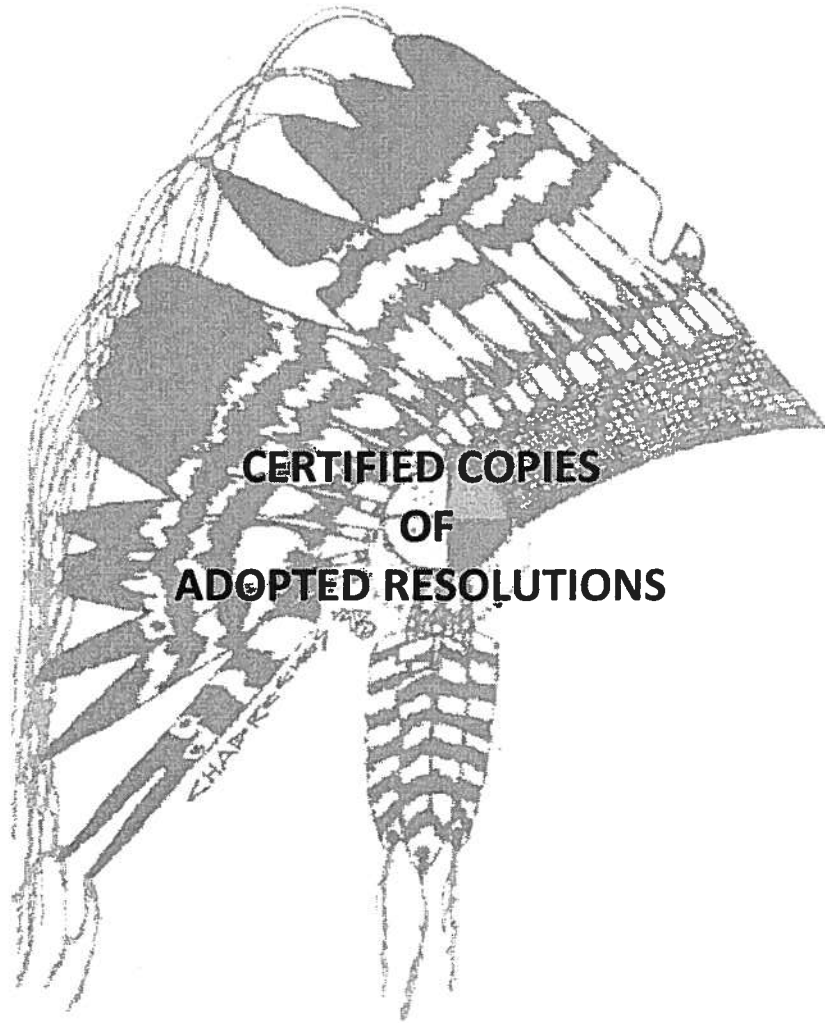


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RE: FIRST NATION THOMPSON REGION CASINO DEVELOPMENT

Moved by:

Chief Arlen Dumas
Mathias Colomb
Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee has been working with the Manitoba/AMC Joint Steering Committee, towards the goal of attaining more revenue for all Manitoba First Nations from the gaming industry; and

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, the Joint Steering Committee has recommended the development of a new First Nations owned casino in the Thompson region; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2014 the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs has resolved to direct the Grand Chief, the Chiefs Gaming Committee and the Director of Gaming Development to strategically carry out activities toward realizing a First Nations owned Casino development in the Thompson region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly formally support the resolution of the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs, namely, that the Assembly supports the activities of Grand Chief, the Chiefs Gaming Committee and the Director of Gaming Development to:

1. Secure financing for pre-development costs;
2. Strengthen the relationship with the City of Thompson;
3. Publicly announce plans to build a northern casino in the Thompson region;
4. Request for Interest from developers for concept development;
5. Create a new corporate structure for the new casino;
6. Complete site selection process for potential host First Nation(s); and
7. Engage a financier and manager.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that regular progress reports from the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee be provided to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs and the Chiefs-in-Assembly on this development.

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RE: FIRST NATIONS WINNIPEG CASINO DEVELOPMENT

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, the City of Winnipeg constitutes the single largest gaming market in Manitoba; and

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

WHEREAS, gaming revenues are a significant source of income that can improve the health and well-being of First Nations and other Manitobans; and

WHEREAS, the province of Manitoba continues to expand its own operations in Winnipeg by increasing the allocation of VLT's to commercial sites and has introduced a new Winnipeg casino site; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the province's actions are a clear indication of a position that uncaptured gaming revenues exist in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, First Nations retain an inherent right to conduct gaming; and

WHEREAS, the federal government failed to consult or accommodate First Nations when it purported to delegate jurisdiction over gaming to the provinces in 1985, contravening the protections of Section 35 of the *Constitution Act of 1982*; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have been historically excluded from economic activities through the actions of the federal and provincial government through race-based imposition of barriers not limited to those contained in the *Indian Act*; and

WHEREAS, excluding First Nations from participating in the primary gaming market that falls within Treaty 1 territory and to which Treaty 1 provides a treaty right, constitutes an economic harm; and

WHEREAS, the province provides no justification for the economic exclusion of First Nations to the Winnipeg gaming market; and

WHEREAS, the province demonstrated that it is willing to compromise its policy by allocating the proceeds of casino gaming to a private party and did so wholly outside the Joint Steering Committee between the AMC and the province.

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RE: FIRST NATIONS WINNIPEG CASINO DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Grand Chief to pursue the development of a Winnipeg based First Nations owned casino, or casinos; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs call upon our treaty partners, the Crown of Manitoba in right of the Crown of Canada, to honour its treaty obligations and the right of First Nations to develop their own economic institutions within their territories including casino gaming operations.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief, the Chiefs Gaming Committee and the Director of Gaming Development to advance discussions of Shared ownership of the Regent and McPhillips casinos, shared revenues from commercial VLT's and lotteries, an allocation of VLT machines to the AMC, pooling of on-reserve VLT allocations, as well as continuing dialogue regarding recognition of First Nation inherent right to conduct gaming including amending the *Criminal Code* to reflect that recognition.

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**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF GAMING TASK FORCE TO RESOLVE TRUST
PAYMENT CHALLENGES AND GAMING DISTRIBUTIONS**

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Black River First Nation

WHEREAS, Aseneskak Casino Limited Partnership and South Beach Limited Partnership have agreed to work together with AMC to recommend a permanent solution to the issue of annual payments (Trust Payments) to the Manitoba First Nations Casino Trust;

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the reduction of Trust Payments to be made by Aseneskak (Aseneskak Waiver) be extended from the date it expired (March 31, 2014) to March 31, 2015, being eleven years since the first Waiver was issued.

CARRIED

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC, Aseneskak and South Beach, Sandhills Casino, establish a Task Force made up of eight Chiefs – 2 Chiefs from Aseneskak, 2 Chiefs from South Beach and 1 from Sandhill, 1 Chiefs Gaming Committee Rep and 2 non-owner First Nations – to consider any and all options to recommend a permanent solution to the issue of Trust Payment including but not limited to:

1. resetting Trust Payments permanently at some percentage that is acceptable to the beneficiaries of the Casinos; or
2. granting the beneficiaries of the Casinos (directly or indirectly) some other interest in lieu of the Trust Payments.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Task Force examine other possibilities of revenue sharing that might include sharing of other provincial gaming revenues not limited to provincial casinos/gaming centres, commercial VLT's, lotteries, online casinos and on-reserve VLT's.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the South Beach and Aseneskak will jointly cover all reasonable costs associated with the Task Force including AMC costs.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Task Force will consult with financial and legal advisors as needed, taking all steps to give effect to this resolution, with a report to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in March 2015, to review outcomes and progress.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE WINNIPEG LONG TERM STRATEGY TO
END HOMELESSNESS**

Moved by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations citizens who live in Winnipeg have a right to adequate and accessible housing, consistent with article 21 of the UN *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* which states that, "Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, *inter alia*, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security."

WHEREAS, Article 23 of the UN *Declaration* further states that, "Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programming affecting them and, as far as possible, to administer such programmes through their own institutions."

WHEREAS, the Winnipeg Long Term Strategy to End Homelessness promotes coordination between all levels of government, including Indigenous governments, the private sector, the non-profit sector, philanthropic organizations and the community of Winnipeg as a whole.

WHEREAS, the Community Task Force to End Homelessness in Winnipeg is seeking the support of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in its efforts to end homelessness, with recognition that approximately 70% of the homeless population in Winnipeg is of Indigenous descent.

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has promoted the right to housing of First Nations people in Winnipeg by working in collaboration with the Community Task Force to End Homelessness in Winnipeg.

WHEREAS, the Task Force is working towards establishing a new organization and board to implement the Long Term Strategy with at least 50% of the Board being of Indigenous descent, ensuring one of the two Co-Chairs be of Indigenous descent as well as the establishment of an Elders' Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the work of the Task Force to End Homelessness in Winnipeg.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE WINNIPEG LONG TERM STRATEGY TO
END HOMELESSNESS (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to nominate an appropriate First Nations representative to participate in the governance through membership on the board of the proposed new community organization to end homelessness.

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**RE: RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE PHOENIX SINCLAIR
INQUIRY**

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Honourable Ted Hughes conducted an inquiry to examine the circumstances surrounding the death of Phoenix Sinclair, as appointed by the Province of Manitoba on March 25, 2011, and on December 15, 2013, submitted to the Province, his Report entitled “The Legacy of Phoenix Sinclair Achieving the Best for All Our Children” (the Report); and

WHEREAS, Grand Chief Nepinak requested to work with the Province of Manitoba in developing a joint response to the Report’s 62 recommendations, in which Manitoba did not engage AMC or Manitoba First Nations in formulating a response to the Report, nor share the Report before being made public; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2014, the Province of Manitoba unilaterally identified recommendations of the Report to follow up on, including an Implementation Committee to report to the Province by September 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs participated through AMC and MKO fully in the *Aboriginal Justice Inquiry-Child Welfare Initiative (AJI-CWI)* process which led to the *Child and Family Services Authorities Act (Authorities Act) 2002*, and the extension of First Nations Child and Family Services (CFS) off reserve which was recognized and authorized in the Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS, there was fundamental agreement among all parties to the AJI-CWI that First Nations leadership would be involved in decision-making in the CFS system going forward; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Council established by the Authorities Act and the rollout of the Authorities and its relationship with the First Nations CFS agencies and First Nations leadership, did not operate as directed at the onset nor as expected, with the result that there is no governance model yet established for First Nations leadership to be involved in the decision-making regarding the structure of First Nations Child Welfare; and

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WHEREAS, the Authorities Act has not operated to ensure First Nations agencies design and deliver culturally appropriate services, policies, and programs; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of understanding of the complex destructive legacy of Indian Residential Schools, the 60's scoop, and resulting impact of turning a child welfare system into a quarter of a billion dollar industry to keep our children in foster homes while allocating \$27 per week to support our children being with their own families in their own homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs in Assembly commit to hold and participate in a Special Chiefs Assembly, and an Open Forum for Concerned First Nations citizens, on the topic of "First Nations Families and Children Welfare" in May 2014. These two events will provide opportunities to develop a comprehensive response to the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry Report.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs in Assembly commit to cover their own travel to this Assembly and direct AMC to seek funding contributions from: the Northern and Southern CFS Authorities; the First Nation Child and Family Services agencies; and the Province of Manitoba; and Government of Canada.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REJECTION OF THE FIRST NATIONS
CONTROL OF FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION ACT (FORMERLY
KNOWN AS THE FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION ACT (FNEA))**

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, the Cree, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota (“Indigenous Peoples”) in Manitoba are self-determined people that consistently and historically assert their right to govern their own affairs; and

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner
Misipawistik Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba abide by the philosophies, values, traditions, concepts, and principles that set out the promises, obligations and benefits contained within their respective Treaties and/or Agreements with the Crown; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, these principles have governed and continue to govern the direction of the Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba have an historic, inherent and unalienable right to education; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba have never ceded their traditional territory or ancestral lands, Title or Rights and continue to assert their rights as Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (“UNDRIP”) affirms the rights of the Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba the right to establish and control their education systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, the UNDRIP further calls on Canada to work with the Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba to “take effective measures in order for Indigenous individuals, particularly children, including those living outside their communities, to have access, when possible, to an education in their own culture and provided in their own language”; and

WHEREAS, “effective measures” include the guarantee of funding that will cover the actual costs of a linguistically and culturally responsible education from early childhood to post-secondary; and

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CONTROL OF FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION ACT (FORMERLY
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WHEREAS, on November 28, 2012 a joint AMC, MKO and SCO Assembly on Education took place, and the Chiefs in attendance approved a *Unified Position re Rejection of Canada's First Nation Education Act* that:

- Rejected Canada's First Nations Education Act;
- Supported the development of a framework "First Nation Law on Education" and directed AMC, MKO and SCO to coordinate and assist in the development of the framework law and support First Nations in the development of their laws, with the MFNERC and Working Groups to be available as a technical resource;
- Called for the process to develop the framework First Nations Law on Education be initiated with a Sacred Assembly;
- Identified the need to explore the development of Canada's First Nations Law on Education, ensuring that Canada cooperate and consult and obtain FNs Free, Prior and Informed Consent consistent with Article 19 of the UNDRIP; and
- AMC Grand Chief and Manitoba Regional Chief seek to mandate the AFN to work together with AMC, MKO and SCO in order to assist Manitoba First Nations to develop their own laws to exert their own inherent jurisdiction and sovereign rights.

WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are aware of plans of the Federal government to implement legislation known as the *First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act*; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has not properly, nor meaningfully, met its duty to engage member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in the development of any federal legislation related to education; and

WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are strongly opposed to the imposition of any federal or provincial legislation upon any Indigenous First Nations or people in Manitoba which do not explicitly acknowledge the explicit jurisdiction of their First Nations; and

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WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs reiterate that the Federal government has unfairly and chronically underfunded community education systems thereby jeopardizing student success and outcomes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs reject the *First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act* in its entirety including all its components and contents and any and all federally or provincially imposed legislation in this matter; and

THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that Canada immediately cease any further development, passage or implementation of legislation on First Nation education; and

THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that Canada recognize and respect the Treaty & Aboriginal & Inherent Right to jurisdictional control of their own education systems and meet with the First Nations who are legitimate rights holders to discuss and take the steps necessary to address the chronic underfunding of their education systems, and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the member First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs take all actions necessary to work with partners across the province of Manitoba and across Canada to counter the *First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act*.

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RESPECTFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN FIRST NATIONS
(HEALTH CENTRES AND BAND STAFF) AND PROVINCIAL
HOSPITALS / HEALTH FACILITIES TO ACHIEVE IMPROVED
AND COHESIVE DELIVERY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE**

Moved by:

Councillor William Lathlin,
Proxy, Opaskwayak Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, Pinaymootang First Nation (PFN) members have been subjected to hostile environments including incidents of discrimination and abuse within the Provincial Hospital in Ashern (*Lakeshore Hospital*) that have been reported but has gone unaddressed for many years; and

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Turner
Misipawistik Cree Nation

WHEREAS, in July 2012, the PFN Executive Director of Health and Senior staff addressed the *Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA)* to respond to the community's concerns of safety and professionalism, and requested collaborative engagement to improve the relationship between the First Nation and Provincial Hospital; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in September 2013, the IERHA agreed to engage with Pinaymootang Health Centre in a mediation process to improve working relations and conditions with respect to the primary care provided to PFN members by the Lakeshore Hospital adjacent to the community; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative partnership between First Nations and provincial health care delivery has long been left idle as First Nations continue to be labelled a fiduciary responsibility of the federal government, but receive "service" from provincial health facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial health system is enormous in comparison to the federally funded health programs provided on-reserve, therefore, there is a need for provincial services to work cohesively with communities to ensure appropriate referrals to primary care and appropriate follow-up when members return to their community.

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(cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to address primary health care concerns on a regional level by maximizing the opportunity to engage with regional health authorities and produce a Collaborative Partnership Strategy or equivalent strategy for leadership review, one that defines the relationship between First Nations and the Province of Manitoba with respect to primary health care services and equitable standard of care for First Nations; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief meet with the Provincial Minister of Health to lobby for a province-wide review of the working relationships between First Nations (Health Centres, Band staff, nursing stations and other health facilities) and Provincial hospitals/health facilities, seeking Ministerial direction for RHAs and their respective service providers to ensure more meaningful collaboration and communication with First Nations communities.

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**RE: IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM FIRST
NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF
MANITOBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Moved by:

Chief Arlen Dumas
Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly (CIA) passed Resolution JULY-13.08 to establish an *“Interim MB FN's Health Incorporated Entity to Pursue Tripartite Collaboration for a Unified Health System.”* It resolved to have the CIA established as the Membership, and the Chiefs Task Force on Health (CTFoH) as the First Directors of the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (FNHSSM); and

WHEREAS, all required legal documents for the FNHSSM have been filed and approved; and

WHEREAS, in January 2014, a 3 year work-plan was submitted to First Nation Inuit Health Branch to ensure the funding arrangement would be in place for the FNHSSM for April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet its legal obligations under the Canada *Corporations Act* the FNHSSM's must have a meeting of First Directors to organize resolutions and formally accept the founding documents to support future operations including accountability measures to fulfill its responsibilities to its Membership, the CIA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly revise the membership of the current CTFoH to include:

- 3 existing members of the CTFoH: Chief David Crate, Chief Donovan Fontaine, and Chief Walter Spence; and
- Appointing 2 new members: Chief Frank Abraham and Chief Cathy Merrick; and
- Further appointing at least 1 additional Northern Chief.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly immediately establish an interim FNHSSM Board of Directors by endorsing the new CTFoH as the First Directors for a period of 18 months.

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NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF MANITOBA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the FNHSSM to develop a nomination and selection process for a mixed Board of Directors with elected representatives as well as health professionals based on By-Law No. 1. The nominations will be taken to the AMC Chiefs Assembly for selection to the FNHHSM Board by the leadership during the summer of 2015.

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**RE: ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS
NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS ACTION PLAN**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program is not meeting the needs of First Nations people; and

Seconded by:

Chief Phillip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the NIHB formulary is backlogged and outdated; and

WHEREAS, Canada continues the delisting of prescription drugs, medical equipment supplies and covered medical services; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there is a gap in communicating policy, directive and guideline changes to First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS, there are no standards and quality assurance frameworks in place; and

WHEREAS, Canada is not meeting their own goals as set out in the First Nations and Inuit Health Strategic Plan.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2014 Manitoba First Nations developed a First Nations Action Plan on NIHB.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and direct AMC and the Manitoba First Nations Health Technicians Network to undertake the actions required to produce a NIHB Strategy that would ensure:

- Controls;
- Quality Management;
- Standards Compliance;
- Communication;
- Data collection;
- Comparable health services;
- Reduced wait times for services that require pre-approval and drug exceptions; and
- Ensure NIHB policies correspond to First Nation's needs.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief put forth a resolution to the Assembly of First Nations to pursue the legal and human rights challenges as outlined in the Action Plan.

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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNAL REVIEW
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE ON MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HEALTH**

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Committee on Manitoba First Nations Health (ICMFNH) is a collaborative table of Canada, Manitoba and First Nations partners working together on specific health issues and priorities; and since inception in 2003, has focused primarily on research and policy development; and

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations partners of the ICMFNH, including AMC, SCO, and MKO requested a review to ensure that intergovernmental efforts reflect commitments from all three partners and recommend ways to enhance the function of ICMFNH to produce visible actions and outcomes aligned with community priorities; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, an Internal Review of the ICMFNH took place from June 2013 to December 2014 which included:

- Document review of research completed since inception in 2003;
- Partner interviews with all provincial, federal, and First Nations representatives;
- Focus Groups with Elders, Youth, and Health Directors; and
- Community Engagement Sessions in 3 First Nation communities;

WHEREAS, the Internal Review of the ICMFNH outlined 16 recommendations for consideration, and an Implementation Plan for the Recommendations were presented to the ICMFNH Senior Officials Steering Committee on February 4th, 2014, and to the Manitoba First Nations Health Technicians Network (MFNHTN) on February 25th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the final step in the Internal Review process will be a Joint Leadership Workshop with the Chiefs Task Force on Health (CTFoH), Elders Council, and Senior Officials Steering Committee to provide direction on implementation of the Internal Review Recommendations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Internal Review Implementation Plan as prioritized by the MFNHTN on February 25th, 2014.

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**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNAL REVIEW
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE ON MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HEALTH (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the CTFoH take a unified position in the Joint Leadership Workshop to ensure that First Nations partners are fully supported with appropriate resourcing to prepare for and fully participate in all developments arising from the ICMFNH collaborative table.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Health Team initiate a meeting with MKO and SCO to develop a unified strategy to ensure adequate resourcing is provided for the First Nations partners to move the recommendations forward at the ICMFNH table as suggested by the MFNHTN and supported by the Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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Grand Chief Derek Nepinak

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MAR-14.13

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS GRANTED LEAVE TO
INTERVENE IN THE PICTOU LANDING CASE APPEARING BEFORE
THE FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE**

Moved by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc. was granted leave on February 20th, 2014, to intervene in the Pictou Landing Case appearing before the Federal Court of Appeal; and

Seconded by:

Councillor William Lathlin,
Proxy, Opaskwayak Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, this decision concerns the delivery and provision of health care needs to Jeremy Meawasige, a Pictou Landing First Nation teenager with severe and multiple disabilities, comparable to the experience of the late Jordan River Anderson from the Norway House Cree Nation; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in April 2013, the Federal Court of Canada held that Jordan's Principle was not to be interpreted narrowly and was later appealed by the Government of Canada in Jeremy's case; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been permitted by the Federal Court of Appeal to raise the issues of:

- the legal status of Jordan's Principle;
- the complexity of "jurisdictional dispute" extending beyond federal and provincial disputes; and
- offer appropriate remedies that would have broader application; and

WHEREAS, Federal and Provincial bureaucrats in Manitoba have asserted their own definition of Jordan's Principle based on a narrow interpretation resulting in no meaningful implementation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and endorse the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc. in fulfilling the opportunity to intervene in the Pictou Landing case being heard at the Federal Court of Appeal.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief and Secretariat develop a public campaign/communication strategy to achieve greater support and understanding of Jordan's Principle, and continue to advocate for the Province of Manitoba and Canada to implement Jordan's Principle to the fullest extent as supported by Manitoba First Nations.

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**RE: TREATY AND ABORIGINAL RIGHTS RESEARCH CENTRE OF
MANITOBA**

Moved by:

Councillor D'Arcy Linklater,
Proxy, Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, for over 3 decades the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Centre of Manitoba (T.A.R.R.) provides historical research services to the 63 First Nations of Manitoba;

Seconded by:

Councillor William Lathlin,
Proxy, Opaskwayak Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, T.A.R.R.'s research focuses on and has assisted in resolution of Treaty land entitlement, Treaty rights, hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering rights, reserve alienations, surrenders, leases, expropriations, etc., on Indian lands;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, T.A.R.R. has archives of historical materials available including Department of Indian Affairs Records, Papers, Church Missionary Society Records, Historical Records for each First Nation, maps, photographs and newspaper clippings;

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2014, AANDC notified specific land claims research associations and First Nations and all T.A.R.R. Centres across Canada will have their funding cut drastically. Which will lead to lay-offs of specialized staff and closures of some research centres, which will continue the injustice of illegal land seizures and the lack of resolution of outstanding issues for generations; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba's T.A.R.R. Centre funding will be cut by 65% in April 2014.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to advocate with the Prime Minister and Parliament to reinstate this essential funding to bring justice to our people and our lands.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to reach out to partners such as the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and many others to support the reinstatement of the funding.

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