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Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

CARRIED

**RE: FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF
MANITOBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat was established in 2013 by way of Chiefs-in-Assembly Resolution JUL-13.08, which approved the interim corporate entity Manitoba First Nation Interim Health Secretariat with the Chief Task Force on Health to be the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the JUL-13.08 resolution titled, Immediate Establishment of an interim First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba Board of Director directed 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-in-Assembly for selection of the FNHSSM Board by the leadership during the summer of 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the membership of FNHSSM to support the original bylaws of FNHSSM Board which is structured to include:

- Two Chiefs; one (1) from the north and one (1) from the south
- Two First Nation women from AMC women's committee; one (1) from the north and one (1) from the south
- One First Nation health professional – non-voting
- One north and one southern health technician – non-voting
- Two Elder; one (1) from the north and one (1) from the south
- Two youth; one (1) from the north and one (1) from the south.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the FNHSSM Board of Directors include the addition of the:

- Current MKO Health Director – non-voting
- Current SCO Health Director – non-voting.

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**RE: FIRST NATION INCOME ASSISTANCE POLICY IN MANITOBA
REGION**

Moved by:

Chief Marcel Moody
Nishichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Derrick Henderson
Sagkeeng First Nation

WHEREAS, in 1964 the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Development (DIAND) began to administer income assistance based on Federal Treasury Board Authority. The IA program provides shelter allowances to eligible households to cover costs such as fuel, hydro, utilities, maintenance costs, rent and loan payments under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Social Development Advisors Technical Group was mandated by Chiefs in Assembly resolution MAR-02.01 as the coordinating body to continue to lead First Nation self-determination in social development; and

WHEREAS, The First Nation communities of Manitoba are negatively impacted by Indigenous Affairs adversarial and unilateral changes under Income Assistance (IA) reform, in general, and the new Compliance Framework policy, imposed by the previous government specifically; and

WHEREAS, First Nations are unable to collect shelter allowance on Band Housing units; rent can only be collected on Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) housing units, and loans guarantees linked to CMHC units are not accessible to all First Nation houses built; and

WHEREAS, the compliance review produces hardship for Manitoba First Nations by creating deficit and inconsistent application of compliance policies; and

WHEREAS, the current Liberal government made a commitment to fulfill all 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, specifically the implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) that was reconfirmed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on December 8th, 2015; and

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**RE: FIRST NATION INCOME ASSISTANCE POLICY IN MANITOBA
REGION (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, the AANDC compliance review and shelter allowance policy may infringe upon the equity rights of s.15 (1) of the Charter, and in light of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling the First Nation Income Assistance policy may also be subject to a formal complaint in the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls on the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to immediately rescind the current Compliance Review Framework's policy.


FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, 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, as per the Leadership Declaration supported by Chiefs in Assembly on March 8th, 2016.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

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The Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
North Tower, 10 Wellington Street
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

Dear Minister Carolyn Bennett:

RE: FIRST NATION INCOME ASSISTANCE POLICY

On March 8, 2016, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution MAR-16.01 *First Nation Income Assistance Policy in Manitoba Region*. Please be advised that the Chiefs call on the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to immediately rescind the current First Nation Income Assistance Policy Compliance Review Framework's policy.

Additionally, the Chiefs-in-Assembly signed a Leadership Declaration regarding the promotion of Reconciliation and Equality with the First Nation Income Assistance Policy. The Chiefs declared that Manitoba First Nations leadership forbids Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada compliance auditors to enter the territorial lands and reserves of Manitoba First Nation until such time INAC engage a collaborative approach towards designing a policy that is respectful and relevant to the lives of our people.

Accordingly, I provide you this letter to invite you to begin discussion of the revisions of the First Nations Income Assistance Policy; to change this policy that punishes Manitoba First Nation communities and move toward reconciliation and fairness.

As you are aware, First Nations communities of Manitoba are negatively impacted by INAC's (then AANDC) adversarial and unilateral changes under the Income Assistance program, and the Compliance Framework policy. This also creates First Nations debt out to of thin air due to 'clawbacks' on band support funding and impacting the most vulnerable people and families.

The Chief's approach to the Income Assistance Policy is based on a number of recent developments, including: recommendation 45(ii) of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report that states Canada should "Adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as the framework for reconciliation"; the federal Liberal Party's commitment to implement UNDRIP all 94 recommendations of the TRC; and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's commitment to implement the TRC Recommendations on December 8, 2015.

I understand it may take time to resolve what we view as the government's discriminatory policies and legislations, including the violation of our Inherent and Treaty Rights. Our communities remain in crisis, and with the clear different approach now in Ottawa, they now have support to change that on a nation-to-nation basis, and collaboratively work together to help tackle these issues.

I look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss alternative measures to review the policies under the First Nation Income Assistance Program.

Kayla Frank, Jr. Policy Analyst (204.987.4125 or kfrank@manitobachiefs.com) will follow up with your office in the near future to arrange our meeting.

Sincerely,
ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS



Derek J. Nepinak, LLB, B.A.(Hons.)
Grand Chief, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

Encl.

c.c.: Chiefs of Manitoba
Hélène Laurendeau, Deputy Minister
John de Francesco, Manitoba Regional Director General
Michael Wernick, Clerk of the Privy Council



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Resolve to Abolish the Indian Act

March 10, 2016. Treaty One Territory. A long and impassioned debate by the Chiefs in Assembly ended with a majority of Chiefs agreeing to abolish the archaic *Indian Act* that was created over a century ago. They also directed the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to conduct a technical and legal review to begin to deconstruct the 1876 *Indian Act* and identify a process on how to abolish it, and Section 91.24 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*.

"The *Indian Act* creates the legal fiction known as the 'status Indian'. This legal fiction has provided for the ongoing justification of colonization. Through capitalism, its application and interpretation has monetized and commodified the original peoples of this land. As a result, it denies our true identity as human beings living in our ancestral lands, capable of self-determination and self-government outside a colonial framework" stated Grand Chief Derek Nepinak.

Section 91.24 of the *Constitution Act, 1867* unilaterally granted Canada its own authority over "Indians and Lands reserved for Indians". Less than ten years later, Canada attempted to legitimize its power through the *Indian Act* to govern matters pertaining to "status Indians", "bands" and "reserves". During these ten years, treaties were negotiated between the Crown and First Nations.

However, First Nations' inherent jurisdiction and original law are found in the ceremonies of our people. These ceremonies are thousands of years old. They still exist. Clan mothers and ceremony keepers know these original instructions. While colonization and the *Indian Act* attempted to erase this reality, it is these laws that must be used to replace the *Indian Act*.

A mass majority of the Chiefs were optimistic while some were cautiously optimistic. Chiefs noted that the land is ours and that First Nations must assert their authority as sovereign nations. Getting rid of the *Indian Act* is the first step toward emancipation. Other noted that any approach dealing with the *Indian Act* must be well considered and not leave First Nations in an even worse situation. No doubt it will take time, money, planning and perseverance. Throughout the years attempts have been made to dismantle the *Indian Act* and failed, but Chiefs noted once the *Indian Act* is done away with, only then will First Nations have control of our own destiny to become self sufficient and self-governing.

Grand Chief Nepinak continued: "Manitoba Chiefs again seek to end the colonial paradigm perpetuated by the *Indian Act*. We are all in this together – "status Indians" vote for Chiefs and Council, whom vote Grand Chiefs including myself. "Status Indians" create "bands" that are eligible for "reserves". Even our treaty freedoms have nothing to do with the *Indian Act* containment system. Our treaty freedoms remain intact. Canadians must learn about hoax of the *Indian Act* and finally work together with us to change it."

In conclusion, Grand Chief Nepinak said: "this work will be a difficult, but we can do it if we agree to be kind to one another. We must recognize that the work that we engage in today is to create a proud legacy for our children's children."

The AMC will host a forum in May 2016 to begin the process of deconstructing the *Indian Act* with the involvement of Elders, youth and leadership on how to move forward. All Manitoba Chiefs are encouraged to attend at Niagara Falls in July 2016 to present AMC's position to the AFN Annual General Assembly.

For more information please contact:
Kayla Frank, Jr. Policy Analyst, 204.230.8166 or kfrank@manitobachiefs.com

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**RE: TRIPARTITE PRINCIPLES ADOPTED: TOWARDS A UNIFIED
HEALTH SYSTEM IN MANITOBA**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ernie Bussidor
Sayisi Dene First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs worked with the Federal and Provincial governments to establish the Intergovernmental Committee on Manitoba First Nations Health and Social Development (ICMFNHSD, formerly known as the Romanow Joint Working Group); and

WHEREAS, ICMFNHSD is the sole tripartite table in Manitoba with limited scope and a consistent mandate to analyze research and examine health and social policy; and

WHEREAS, First Nations people have raised growing concerns regarding the gaps and disparities associated with health care delivery in Manitoba that extend beyond policy implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution JUL-11.04 “A Shared Vision for a Unified Health System in Manitoba” directing the AMC Grand Chief to initiate discussions with the Federal and Provincial governments on the development of a tripartite framework with the Chiefs Task Force on Health (now known as the FNHSSM Board of Directors) taking the lead.

WHEREAS, the AMC and Nanaandawewigamig have been actively engaged with Health Canada and Manitoba Health to formulate the “Statement of Principles on a Tripartite Process of Health Services to First Nations in Manitoba” to: guide the joint planning and development of First Nations management and governance of First Nations health; result in a joint action plan; and lead to a framework agreement on health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby adopt the “Statement of Principles on a Tripartite Process of Health Services to First Nations in Manitoba” to be used as the basis of moving forward on a unified health system for First Nations, and directing the AMC and Nanaandawewigamig to continue working to strengthen the tripartite relationship guided by these principles of shared responsibilities, mutual understanding, trust, and respect.

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**RE: TRIPARTITE PRINCIPLES ADOPTED: TOWARDS A UNIFIED
HEALTH SYSTEM IN MANITOBA (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC North and South Health Liaison representatives work directly with Nanaandawewigamig to lead community engagement discussions regarding Tripartite process of Health services to First Nations in Manitoba.

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**RE: AMC AND THE FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL
SECRETARIAT OF MANITOBA TO SUPPORT THE BUILDING THE
MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS NETWORK OF THE FUTURE
INITIATIVE IN THE PURSUIT FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE
BUILD PHASE**

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Derrick Henderson
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) endorsed the “Manitoba First Nations (MFNs) eHealth Long Term Strategy (eHLTS): A 10-Year Plan for Action 2012-2022” version 4 (ECC MAR-12.01) that outlines the 6 Overall Goals of First Nations driven holistic planning for the implementation of eHealth tools to assist with & enhance healthcare delivery in an OCAP compliant environment; and

WHEREAS, AMC Resolutions MAY-09.01 and JUN-12.07 mandated the MFNs Technology Council to secure funding and support from federal and provincial governments and the private and non-profit sectors in the development of a comprehensive MFNs Technology Plan – the core piece of the plan being high speed connectivity; and

WHEREAS, ECC Resolution OCT-03.13 supported the development of a Connectivity Plan Feasibility Study which has now been completed and proves that the build of a MFNs Network of the Future: The Gateway to Economic Development Opportunities is feasible; and

WHEREAS, former resolutions align with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Article 4, which states that, “Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and develop their political, economic and social systems or institutions, to be secure in the enjoyment of their own means of subsistence and development, and to engage freely in all their traditional and other economic activities”; and

WHEREAS, past resolutions JUN-12.07, MAY-09.01, and OCT-03.13 support Building the Manitoba First Nations Network of the Future Initiative and the development of an “MFNs Technology Plan”, and then a “Feasibility Study”. Now the federal and provincial partners want community BCRs to accompany the proposals as the Initiative is now entering the Build stage; and

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WHEREAS, there is a need for First Nation communities to have adequate, accessible, and affordable access to the Internet, video conferencing, eHealth, and other services that include connecting all administrative offices, schools, Health Centres, water treatment plants, cultural education centers, protection services, communication, and other community owned facilities and residences; and

WHEREAS, Information Communications Technology (ICT) is considered as important as other levels of basic infrastructures, such as community roadways and bridges, clean drinking water, electrical energy supply, but First Nation communities should not have to weigh ICT with key infrastructures that are required for adequate living and access; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations are one of the last jurisdictions in Canada to have the connectivity to provide adequate services to their First Nation citizens. Local, Regional and National support for the “Building the Manitoba First Nations Network of the Future Initiative: the Gateway to Economic Development Opportunities” solidifies the need to enable Manitoba First Nations to connect from nation-to-nation and build sustainable infrastructure and capacity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly reaffirms the support for First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba in the regional connectivity initiatives to build the MFN Network specifically in the pursuit of funding opportunities for Phase II: The Build:

1. Connecting Canadians Fund – Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Eligible funds from the program are to include a “last mile” component which will see homes and businesses connected with high speed internet, in addition to the single point of presence for the fibre to enter into each community;

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2. Building Canada Fund – Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. Support from this program will not interfere with any existing funding that has already been allocated for other important infrastructure projects. The proposal for 2016-2017 will be for the Design and Planning for the prebuild of the network;
3. Other Federal, Provincial or Private funding envelopes that become available within the time span of the Build Phase; and
4. The regional initiative does not hinder or prevent community-led solutions, it complements them.

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF
MANITOBA TO AMEND THE eHEALTH LONG TERM STRATEGY,
AND INITIATE FORMATION OF eANISKOPITAK, FORMERLY THE
INTERIM eHEALTH ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP**

Moved by:

Chief Nelson Houle
Ebb & Flow First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Walter Spence
Fox Lake Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorsed the “Manitoba First Nations (MFNs) eHealth Long Term Strategy (eHLTS): A 10-Year Plan for Action 2012-2022” version 4 (ECC Mar-12.01) that outlines the 6 Overall Goals of First Nations driven wholistic planning for implementation of eHealth tools to assist with & enhance healthcare delivery in an OCAP compliant environment; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the MFNs eHLTS is a living document that can be changed by the First Nations of Manitoba as required. All future amendments will be routed and approved by the eANISKOPITAK that will consist of appointed members from each Tribal Council and Independent First Nation. The eANISKOPITAK replaces the former Interim eHealth Advisory Partnership that was co-chaired by FNIHB Manitoba and AMC eHealth. It ensures a First Nations driven and controlled implementation of the MFNs eHLTS, concurring to sovereignty and control of data and systems, building capacity now to sustainably operate all eHealth applications that are currently governed and controlled by FNIHB-MB and Manitoba eHealth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba to amend the MFNs eHealth Long Term Strategy to include:

1. Technical Readiness Needs Assessments for every single First Nation in Manitoba that will assist in a deployment plan that eventually leads to all Manitoba First Nations having all eHealth applications that are available to the rest of Manitoba;
2. Interoperability of eHealth applications such that said records can exchange data through the Manitoba eHealth Health Information Access Layer (HIAL) also known as “eHealth Hub”. This includes development of the community Electronic Medical Record Mustimuhw such that data exchange eliminates multiple entry of data into multiple systems;

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AND INITIATE FORMATION OF eANISKOPITAK, FORMERLY THE
INTERIM eHEALTH ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP (cont'd)**

3. A Governance Plan that will evolve from:
 - a. Formation of the eANISKOPITAK - a Manitoba First Nations controlled eHealth network focusing on wholistic health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, and building capacity through the development of the ICT Centre of Excellence;
 - b. Working with and obtaining funding from the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch to develop an Opportunities & Risk Analyses of a transition plan of the FNIHB-MB eHealth Solutions Unit resources and supports (funded & required) to the Nanaandawewigamig eHealth Unit over a phased 3-year period. The said transition plan would include eventual transition of services to Nanaandawewigamig and ensure supports are in place for the Tribal Councils and independent First Nation communities as per community engagement findings.

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**RE: UPHOLDING FIRST NATIONS JURISDICTION IN THE PURSUIT OF
A NATION-TO-NATION PROCESS WITH THE CROWN AND ITS
PROVINCES / TERRITORIES**

Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation
Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have the Inherent Right to govern themselves and to exercise authority in the development of their own laws, policies, and control over their resources; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Article 3 states that “Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development; and

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal and Treaty Right of Self-government is recognized, affirmed, and protected under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations in Manitoba have exercised their right to establish their own institutions of governance by exiting from sections of the Indian Act or exiting the Act completely to exercise self-governance; and

WHEREAS, Section 37 of the Constitution required a constitutional conference with the Prime Minister and ten provincial premiers to include “constitutional matters that directly affect the aboriginal peoples of Canada” and that the “Prime Minister of Canada shall invite representatives of those peoples to participate in the discussions on those matters”; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2015, at the Assembly of First Nations’ (AFN) 36th Annual General Assembly, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau committed to renew the relationship with First Nations in Canada; and

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PROVINCES / TERRITORIES (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau revealed his top five priorities including:

1. National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
2. Lifting the 2% cap on funding for First Nation programs;
3. Significant Investments in First Nation Education, including infrastructure needs;
4. Implementing the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Report; and,
5. Repealing all legislation unilaterally imposed on Indigenous people by the previous government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs in Assembly direct Grand Chief Derek Nepinak to present the Manitoba position at the Assembly of First Nations in July 2016 with a resolution to support a First Ministers Conference on Indigenous Issues to take place within one year with the Prime Minister and provincial and territorial leaders, to implement a nation-to-nation process that will give meaningful, legal effect to S. 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, the recognition and affirmation of Treaty and Aboriginal rights.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC Grand Chief Derek Nepinak will work with AFN Regional Vice-Chief Kevin Hart to present the concept to the AFN Assembly in July 2016 to begin a discussion of eradicating the Indian Act.

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RE: ABOLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN ACT

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, the Indian Act is a racist piece of colonial legislation that promotes segregation; and

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
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WHEREAS, the Indian Act is an apartheid legislation enacted by the Canadian Government; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Act legislation is based on Section 91.24 of the Canadian Constitution.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the motion to abolish the Indian Act.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly supports the motion to repeal Section 91.24 of the Canadian Constitution and reverting back to First Nations sovereignty status and ensuring fiscal capacity for First Nations.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Canadian Government to provide an accounting of the Indian Moneys Trust fund within ninety (90) days of the date of this resolution.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly directs that a technical and legal review be conducted concurrently during the process of abolishing the application of the Indian Act and Section 91.24 of the Constitution of Canada; and with greater certainty to invoke the participation of the Elders Council and Youth Council throughout the process with regular reports and feedback with the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly for approval.

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