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OF

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY ON DISMANTLING #1

APRIL 19 - 21, 1994

THE PAS, MANITOBA

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APRIL-94.01

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Louis J. Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FIRE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the fire services programs are essential services to First Nations communities; and

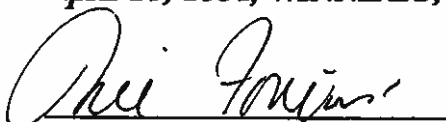
WHEREAS, the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters have prepared a workplan for the resumption of First Nations jurisdiction over these essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian Affairs has stated his commitment to the dismantling of the Department of Indian Affairs and transfer of jurisdiction to First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Indian Affairs and the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters proceed immediately to finalize arrangements for transfer of jurisdiction over fire and related services to First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that implementation of these arrangements proceed under the direction of the Executive Council of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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**APRIL-94.02
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Moved by:

**Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River First Nation**

Seconded by:

**Chief Louis J. Stevenson
Peguis First Nation**

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MORATORIUM ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
REDUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, social assistance programs are a vital necessity in First Nation communities plagued by under-development and economic disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs is legally responsible for ensuring adequate social assistance programs are available to First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs in Saskatchewan has not adopted the Provincial Social Assistance rate reduction since 1989 to accommodate the economic disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, ongoing collaborative work by First Nations and the Department have identified major gaps and deficiencies in social assistance programming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that reductions of social assistance rates and subsequent regulations of social assistance implemented April 1st, 1994 by the Manitoba Region of Indian Affairs be suspended effective as of April 1st, 1994; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that comparative study of social assistance programs and the development of a First Nations Social Development Manual proceed with the objective of identifying the programs required to adequately and equitably meet First Nation needs; and

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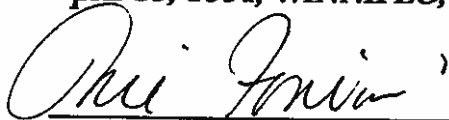
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**RE: MORATORIUM ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
REDUCTIONS (Continued)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that pending the completion of required study and program development work, a moratorium be placed on unilateral federal decisions to modify social assistance programs.

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APRIL-94.03

Moved by:

Chief Florence McLean
Lake Manitoba First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Thomas Nepetaypo
Fox Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PROVINCIAL FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

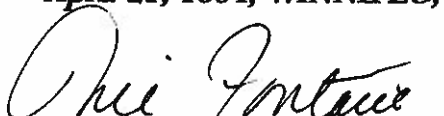
WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs acknowledge that there is a need for all First Nation membership, including women, to have input into the discussions on self-government; and

WHEREAS, there is not a Provincial First Nations Women's organization in existence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly support, in principle, a founding conference for First Nations women, both on and off reserve, to assist them in forming an organization to specifically identify First Nations women's concerns to be brought to the attention of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat seek funding to organize a First Nations Women's Conference to be held prior to the next Annual General Assembly.

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APRIL-94.04

Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: BETTY OSBORNE MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Helen Betty Osborne of the Norway House First Nation led to the establishment of the Province of Manitoba's Aboriginal Justice Inquiry; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which the legal system dealt with this tragedy has exemplified the injustice faced by many of our people today.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs formally recognize Helen Betty Osborne by designating a special remembrance day to be known as "Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Day" on the anniversary of her untimely passing; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that A.M.C. give this Memorial Day the same recognition as the J.J. Harper Day.

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APRIL-94.05

Moved by:

Chief Louis J. Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: DISMANTLING OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS, the First Nations in Manitoba and the Minister of Indian Affairs have conducted preliminary discussions in the dismantling of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian Affairs representing the Government of Canada and the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs representing the First Nations of Manitoba have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the above process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby ratify the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed at the Opaskwayak Cree Nation on April 20th, 1994.

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APRIL-94.06

Moved by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: JURISDICTION OVER CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the First Nations peoples have the inherent right to govern themselves in all areas including Child and Family Services matters; and

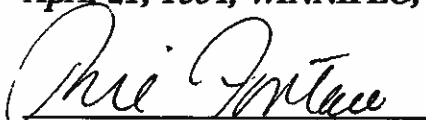
WHEREAS, First Nations communities in Manitoba are at different stages of development and have different aspirations in the area of Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, some First Nations wish to share jurisdiction as part of a collective arrangement while others desire to set up their own independent Child and Family Service, operating under their own Child Welfare Act.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba respect and support the right of the First Nations Peoples to have complete jurisdiction over Child and Family Service matters regardless of the residency of their membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs respect and support the right of each First Nation to develop these services based on their own expectations, their own standards and their own time frames.

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**APRIL-94.07
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Moved by:

**Councillor Ernie Hunt
Mathias Colomb First Nation**

Seconded by:

**Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation**

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS
COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian Affairs Canada and the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs signed a Memorandum of Understanding this 20th day of April 1994; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, both the Minister of Indian Affairs Canada and the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs agree to provide adequate funding to enable First Nations of Manitoba to become fully informed on the planning, implementation and processes required in the dismantling of the Department of Indian Affairs - Manitoba and the planning, strategies and implementation for Manitoba First Nations Governments; and

WHEREAS, Cross Lake First Nation has shown its commitment and initiative in communicating First Nations issues; and

WHEREAS, Cross Lake First Nation has T.V. broadcasting communication facilities, capabilities and expertise.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs will provide funding to the Cross Lake First Nation to develop a T.V. broadcasting communication strategy that will fully inform all First Nations of the progress, planning, implementation and processes required in the dismantling of Indian Affairs - Manitoba and the planning, strategies and implementation for Manitoba First Nations Governments; and

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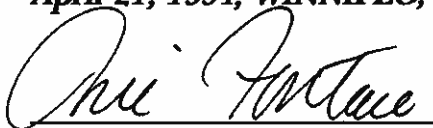
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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY (Continued)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this initiative be in place by the next Assembly concerning the dismantling of Indian Affairs - Manitoba and the eventual establishment of the Manitoba First Nations Governments.

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Moved by:

Chief Sydney Garrioch
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: SELF-GOVERNMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in General Assembly have considered the draft March 14, 1994 workplan titled "Towards Manitoba First Nations' Government" and the draft "Consultation Document" dated March 24, 1994 which is a working consolidation of the workplan, both of which are rolling drafts; and

WHEREAS, the A.M.C. Chiefs' Resolution of October 1, 1993 directed the establishment of a joint working group for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, A.M.C. Chiefs' Resolution of April 20, 1994 ratified the Memorandum of Understanding signed that day on behalf of Canada and Manitoba First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chiefs of Manitoba favour continuing negotiations with Canada as outlined in the draft Consultation Document on the basis of Canada's commitments evidenced in the Memorandum of Understanding and the exchange of correspondence referenced therein, subject always to a continuing requirement of consultation, discussion and decision-making by the Chiefs and the First Nations peoples of Manitoba;
2. A.M.C. representatives on the Joint Coordinating Group shall proceed (subject, between General Assemblies, to the direction of the A.M.C. Executive Council of Chiefs and the Grand Chief) with the joint development with Canada of a draft Framework Agreement for presentation to the respective parties for consideration and approval, including a workplan and resource commitments to be funded satisfactorily and completely by Canada;

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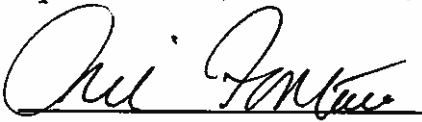
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3. The draft Framework Agreement, and workplan, shall be based on the Memorandum of Understanding, the referenced correspondence, and the process, Principles and Mutual Commitments outlined in the Consultation Document and other agreements and understandings as they may be negotiated from time to time after having incorporated the representations and suggestions expressed by the delegates at this General Assembly and in all future consultations;
4. Prior to finalizing and signing the Framework Agreement, a further General Assembly of Chiefs shall be held for the purpose of considering approval of the draft agreements, workplan, resources, other documentation arising and detailed next steps; and
5. Subject to the requirement of continuing communication and consultation including First Nation membership and all other requirements stipulated herein, the A.M.C. Executive Council of Chiefs and the Grand Chief may proceed, as required, on behalf of First Nations in Manitoba, to direct this process and to appoint and direct the A.M.C.'s First Nations representatives on the Joint Working Group.

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Moved by:

Chief Harold Turner
Grand Rapids First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Hubert D. Kematch
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DISMANTLING
OF INAC**

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba have reviewed the document entitled Towards Manitoba First Nations Government. The Dismantling of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba signed a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) with the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs that established a set of guidelines to follow during negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Manitoba also agreed to abide by the following set of principles with which they will negotiate on:

- that this process does not relieve the Federal Government of its fiduciary responsibilities and its responsibility to honour the Treaties;
- that the outstanding land claims have to be addressed and dealt with in an expedient manner to the satisfaction of the First Nations involved;
- that Bill C-31 be reviewed, and that the discriminatory sections of this Bill be rescinded, changed or deleted;
- that the Federal Government commit funds for adequate recreational and treatment facilities to combat substance abuse to address our socio-economic problems seriously as they have been identified time and time again;

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**RE: GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR
DISMANTLING OF INAC (Continued)**

- that the Federal Government's Transfer of Natural Resources to the Provinces (1930) was in violation of the Treaties and that the Department of Indian Affairs did not defend the best interests of the First Nations, therefore, this transfer does not affect the First Nations' Right to access the benefits that can be derived from the Natural Resources within our Traditional Territories;
- that the Federal Government cancel the Federal-Provincial Health Services Agreement of 1964;
- that a sufficient time-frame to be agreed on to allow for proper consultation to occur amongst all our people and that costs incurred during the consultation process be borne by the Federal Government;
- that a communication strategy be incorporated that will allow for fast and accurate sharing of information from the First Nations to A.M.C. and A.M.C. to the First Nations;
- that an immediate moratorium be placed on I.N.A.C. and other Government departments which provide services (e.g. Solicitor General's Department) to prevent any further down-sizing or lateral transfers to other departments;

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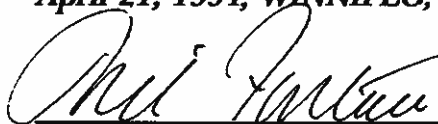
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DISMANTLING OF INAC (Continued)**

- that the Economic Development and Technical Service personnel previously transferred should be reinstated for the purpose of transferring to First Nations;
- that the Minister agree to ensure that existing internal services provided to I.N.A.C. will be available to the First Nations or that appropriate financial allocations be provided to cover such costs;
- that an analysis of existing collective agreements should be undertaken immediately to assess any impact on the dismantling process;
- that the political accord between the Federal Government and NCC must not affect this process in any way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of Manitoba do hereby agree to follow these set of principles during their negotiations on the dismantling of I.N.A.C.

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APRIL-94.10

Moved by:

**Chief Larry Barker
Hollow Water First Nation**

Seconded by:

**Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation**

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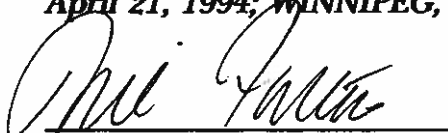
**RE: PLACEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS
PERSONNEL IN FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian Affairs, as part of the Federal Government's commitments to the I.N.A.C. dismantling initiative, has offered to sponsor the placement of 10 or more qualified First Nations individuals in senior levels of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, these employment opportunities would provide First Nations with invaluable knowledge and experience of the federal system, which would be of great benefit in facilitating the successful dismantling of the Federal Government presence in First Nations' affairs and the restoration of First Nations jurisdictions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby accept and approve the Minister's offer and direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Executive Council to complete the necessary arrangements and selection of candidates.

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APRIL-94.11

Moved by:

Chief Frank Abraham
Little Black River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jim Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

**RE: RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM
THE SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**

MOVED, that the following resolutions be adopted:

APRIL-94.03 Provincial First Nations Women's
Conference

APRIL-94.04 Betty Osborne Memorial Day

APRIL-94.06 Jurisdiction over Child and
Family Services


APRIL-94.07 Manitoba First Nations
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APRIL-94.09 Guiding Principles for
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APRIL-94.10 Placement of First Nations
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