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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

13TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dakota Tipi First Nation

August 28, 29 & 30, 2001

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AUG-01.02

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River First Nation

**RE: ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS - COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP**

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has up to twelve committees with Chiefs as committee members; and

WHEREAS, The Chiefs Committees and numbers of members are:

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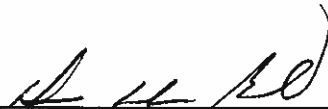
	<u>#of members</u>
AMC Executive Council	10
Joint INAC/AMC Social Assistance Initiative	5
Child & Family Services	13
Economic Development	0
Education	9
First Nations Gaming	4
First Nations Women's Committee	3
Framework Agreement Initiative	6
Health	12
Housing	8+
Residential Schools	1 or 2
<u>Personnel & Finance</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	74 members; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs consisting of 63 First Nation Chiefs, meet to pass resolutions which give direction to the committees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs review the AMC Chiefs Committees and implement equitable representation, participation, and a sense of belonging and contribution to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs by and from all Manitoba First Nation Chiefs and recognize each member First Nation Chief or Councillor be involved in at least one committee, as determined by each Chief and Council.

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Dennis White Bird
Grand Chief

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AUG-01.03

Moved by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SUPPORT FOR MARCEL COLOMB FIRST NATION
TO ACCESS FUNDING FOR HUMAN RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Marcel Colomb First Nation is recognized as one of the newest 62 First Nations to receive contribution agreements from DIAND and member of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the Marcel Colomb First Nation is in a transition process of community development and relocation to a designated reserve land; and

WHEREAS, the Marcel Colomb First Nation leadership and citizens require access to funding to develop their human resources capacities to include training and skills development for effective administration and management of program and services and governance building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Marcel Colomb First Nation initiative to access human resource development funding for training and skills development and direct the AMC office to advocate and assist the Marcel Colomb First Nation efforts to access resources.

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Grand Chief**

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AUG-01.04

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

**RE: DAKOTA PLAINS WAHPETON FIRST NATION
REPRESENTATION**

Seconded by:

Chief Alfred Everett
Berens River First Nation

WHEREAS, The Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation has a hereditary Chief system with a Council of Elders as opposed to an Indian Act elected council; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chief does not meet the requirements to send "the designated elected representative or proxies" as per AMC charter; and

WHEREAS, the Chief, from time to time, is unable to attend Chiefs Assemblies and desires to send a representative who will act as proxy with full voting privileges on behalf of the Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs amend Appendix B: Chiefs-in-Assembly Rules & Procedures to accord Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation to have representation in the Assembly with full voting privileges in the event the Chief cannot be present at the Assembly.

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Moved by:

Councillor Keith Sinclair
Fisher River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Alfred Everett
Berens River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: DIRECTION TO AMC GRAND CHIEF TO SECURE A
REVIEW OF THE CANADA-MANITOBA POLICING
AGREEMENT OF 1991**

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby declare and make known once again that we retain the inherent right to administer our own law enforcement including that of policing; and

WHEREAS, that inherent right of law enforcement of our First Nations has been violated and unilaterally terminated by the Crown in Right-of-Canada and Crown-in-Right-of-Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the options unilaterally imposed by joint agreement of the Crown-in-Right-of-Canada and the Crown-in-Right-Manitoba with regard to First Nations policy and administration is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs received previous mandates to pursue these major issues as evidenced by his letters to the Solicitor General of Canada, Mr. Lawrence A. MacAulay and also Minister M. Gord Mackintosh dated February 21, 2001.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- A. That our First Nations' inherent right of administering our own law enforcement including policing on our own territory and in conjunction with other law enforcement administrations as determined by First Nations be recognized and honored; and
- B. That such recognition be honored by initiating a complete review and assessment of the Canada-Manitoba Policing Agreement of 1991 with input from all First Nations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

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**RE: DIRECTION TO AMC GRAND CHIEF TO SECURE A
REVIEW OF THE CANADA-MANITOBA POLICING
AGREEMENT OF 1991 (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- C. That any review or new arrangements of the said Joint-Agreement include the full recognition of our First Nations inherent right to perform our own law enforcement on our First Nations territory including our authority to negotiate new agreements with other law enforcement agencies such as the local RCMP detachments, Tribal Councils, or regional policing enforcement based on First Nations service needs, funding and capacity; and
- D. That such review and new arrangements be realized without terminating or altering the present base funding with respect to local First Nation (Band) Constable Program; and
- E. That any recognition and implementation of the First Nations inherent right of law enforcement authority through a review of the Joint Agreement of 1991 between Canada and Manitoba be based on:
 - i. the availability of the First Nations to join with another law enforcement agency or authority for the purpose of effective law enforcement systems / programs; and

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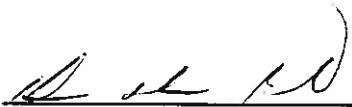
**RE: DIRECTION TO AMC GRAND CHIEF TO SECURE A
REVIEW OF THE CANADA-MANITOBA POLICING
AGREEMENT OF 1991 (cont'd)**

- i. the full fiscal support from Canada and Manitoba for First Nations authority in their exercise of law enforcement for their First Nations and for the purposes of order and peace of the larger community.

- F. That the Grand Chief be hereby authorized to begin such a review and assessment immediately upon the completion of this conference.

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGIC PLAN

WHEREAS, Prime Minister Chretien announced on July 5th, 2001 that a "Team Canada" trip to Dallas, Texas and Los Angeles, California, will take place on November 27th to 30th, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the trip is with regard to Canada's export development strategy to enhance the already enormous 63.4 billion dollar (2000) two way trade with Texas and California; and

WHEREAS, the four western premiers, British Columbia's Gordon Campbell, Alberta's Ralph Klein, Saskatchewan's Lorne Calvert, and Manitoba's Gary Doer, plus three Territorial Leaders, Yukon's Pat Duncan, Northwest Territory's Stephen Kakfwi, and Nunavut's Paul Okalik are invited to help sell more Canadian energy and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Canada have consistently called upon the Canadian government to enter into negotiations and settlements of outstanding treaty issues and other issues of human right violations occurring against First Nations; and

WHEREAS, many First Nations in British Columbia never entered into treaties to allow the government of Canada any legal basis for laying claim to natural resources or lands;

WHEREAS, First Nations have consistently opposed the Canadian government's 1930 Natural Resources Transfer Act which illegally transferred ownership of Natural Resources to the Provinces; and

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RE: NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGIC PLAN (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister declares that the four western provinces had a two way trade relationship with Texas and California in the year 2000 in excess of 17 billion dollars while at the same time Canada continues to deny First Nations any royalties or share of our own wealth of our lands; and

WHEREAS, some First Nations, organizations and individuals have declared that they intend to protest Canada's human rights record in Dallas, Texas and Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations recently passed a resolution at its Halifax national conference endorsing "civil disobedience" to protest the Canadian government's continued lack of respect of First Nation's sovereignty, treaty and inherent rights; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continue to seek all peaceful options to negotiate with the government of Canada on unfinished treaty business and other issues on natural resources

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs gives political and moral support to First Nations, organizations and individuals who will peacefully protest Canadian government plans to seek more natural resources without any consideration of First Nations ownership of those resources; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That we urge the Canadian government to seriously enter into negotiations with First Nations on outstanding Treaty and Natural resources issues; and

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RE: NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGIC PLAN (cont'd)

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs declare sales of natural resources to be illegal while outstanding issues of ownership and conditions of treaties remain unresolved; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, In the absence of any real commitment by the government of Canada to resolve outstanding issues with First Nations, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Executive to put together a document outlining options to enforce and respond to the Halifax resolution.

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AUG-01.07

Moved by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Bernard Catcheway
Skownan First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MATHIAS COLOMB CREE NATION - DIESEL FUEL
SPILL**

WHEREAS, the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation is currently impacted financially and physically due to the environment diesel fuel spill; and

WHEREAS, an agreement was signed between Manitoba Hydro and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada on March 26, 1997 to decommission the diesel generating site at Mathias Colomb Cree Nation; and

WHEREAS, the school and, water and sewer lines were rebuilt because they were originally constructed on diesel fuel contaminated soil which posed a health risk to the community; and


WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada deducted Mathias Colomb Cree Nation from their capital funding a total of \$1.5 million dollars to reconstruct the school, water and sewer due to environmental negligence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to reimburse the capital funding of \$1.5 million to Mathias Colomb Cree Nation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada fulfill the responsibility of taking total financial ownership of the diesel generating spill on Mathias Colomb Cree Nation as per signed agreement of March 26, 1997.

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Moved by:

Chief Duke Beardy
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS ELDERS AND
LEADERSHIP GATHERING ON JUSTICE (MAY 15 &
16, 2001)**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nation Elders and Leadership Gathering on Justice was convened by Grand Chief Dennis White Bird and hosted by the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation on May 15 and 16, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Gathering involving 36 participants selected by the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. and Southern Chiefs Organization passed by consensus that the following recommendations be brought forward to the next General Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for ratification and action:

1. To implement Aboriginal and Treaty Rights as they pertain to First Nation justice systems.
2. To develop training programs and conduct workshops on legal terminology.
3. To reinstate child rearing practices and redress European laws that have infringed on our cultures and values.
4. That justice jurisdiction be fast-tracked under the self-government process.
5. To negotiate funding for First Nation Justice Committees and for the role of the Elders in the justice system.
6. To explore ways to immediately and effectively apply First Nation laws and justice systems (i.e. family law)
7. To implement the recommendations of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.
8. To start implementing and controlling existing First Nations justice systems (policing, court systems including family court and restorative correctional programs).

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS ELDERS AND
LEADERSHIP GATHERING ON JUSTICE (MAY 15 &
16, 2001) (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, there was consensus that a Justice implementation plan be developed as follows:


- Establish core group of Elders and leadership on First Nation justice.
- Establish cooperative working relations with all relevant agencies and initiatives.
- Develop protocols or other arrangements to accommodate First Nation justice system development.
- Facilitate coordinated implementation of compatible policy and program initiatives.
- Build the support required to restore effective First Nation justice systems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse and support the recommendations of the Elders and Leadership Gathering on Justice; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That AMC secure required funding for the support and implementation of the recommendations and plan on Justice to begin in the current fiscal year.

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Whitehead
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FIRST NATIONS VETERAN'S REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS, at the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly in Halifax, Nova Scotia in July 2001, a Resolution was passed supporting the First Nations Veterans' claims for compensation and redress from the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the formulation of a division and designation of "point persons" to represent First Nations Veterans within the province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the National Veterans Association is funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs while there is no resourcing specifically to support First Nations Veterans in their plight to seek redress and compensation from Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the 13th Annual General Assembly of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby endorse and support the need to designate a division within the province, including the appointment of "point persons" to address First Nations Veterans issues through the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the "point persons" who have been representing Manitoba First Nations Veterans at the national level (1) Councillor Dwayne Whitecloud, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and (2) Brenda Bignell, Opaskwayak Cree Nation be formally appointed at this 13th Annual General Assembly;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat assist in accessing resources for the representatives to participate at the national forums on First Nations Veterans issues.

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Moved by:

Chief Dwayne Blackbird
Keeseckoowenin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roy Redhead
York Factory First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: FIRST NATIONS SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - COMPUTER
HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND TRAINING**

WHEREAS, many First Nations face increasing deficits due to the administration of social assistance on behalf of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC); and

WHEREAS, the majority of First Nations do not have adequate computer hardware, social assistance software or on-going training to manage the onerous administrative duties, while INAC continually upgrades their hardware, software and training for their own staff; and

WHEREAS, at the Chiefs Social Development Conference in November 1999, the Chiefs of Manitoba resolved that INAC provide adequate hardware and software to the First Nations to handle the massive paperwork required; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Chiefs resolution, Regional Director General, requested a joint AMC-INAC plan of action; and

WHEREAS, the AMC-INAC Technical Committee on Computerization surveyed all First Nations regarding their computer needs, and tabled its *Power of Connectivity Report: A Plan for Computerization of the First Nations Social Assistance Program in Manitoba* was tabled with the Chiefs Committee on Social Development and the INAC Regional Director General, Manitoba Region in June 2001.

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - COMPUTER
HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND TRAINING (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct INAC to locate funding to ensure that all First Nations Social Assistance programs have:

- i. adequate computer hardware;
- ii. social assistance software;
- iii. training required to carry out the tasks of social assistance administration;
- iv. the connection to the internet to build First Nation communities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That INAC allocate financial resources to First Nations communities for hardware, software, training and internet connection, to bring First Nations to an equivalent level of computer resources to that of INAC.

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Moved by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dwayne Blackbird
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (INAC)
UNILATERAL POLICY ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
REIMBURSEMENT TO FIRST NATIONS WITH
COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the situation of high unemployment and high social assistance exists in our First Nations today due to the imposition of assimilative policies, displacement of our peoples from our lands and resources, and lack of implementation of our treaties and inherent rights, and as a result of this historic injustice, social assistance is a major part of First Nations economies; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of administration of inadequate social assistance resources from the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to First Nations is a major cause of First Nations indebtedness, so that the real situation can be described as INAC shortfall rather than First Nation deficits; and

WHEREAS, INAC unilaterally imposes social assistance policies which promote further indebtedness, such as the recent refusal to accept re-submissions after sixty days of social assistance documentation which would allow for reimbursement to First Nations of expenditures already made to social assistance clients; and

WHEREAS, INAC takes longer than the sixty days to reconcile social assistance monthly reports and has no mechanism for First Nations to fairly resolve these financial matters.

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UNILATERAL POLICY ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE
REIMBURSEMENT TO FIRST NATIONS WITH
COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING AGREEMENTS (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly reject the INAC unilateral imposition of a 60 day policy for re-submissions, and direct INAC to assure First Nations Social Assistance staff that documentation may be submitted within a reasonable time frame of a fiscal year; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, INAC be instructed to follow through with the December 2000 Statement of Understanding signed by the AMC Grand Chief, Chair of the Chiefs Committee on Social Development, and the INAC Regional Director General, to work in partnership to design a more effective and efficient social assistance administration, by meeting on a regular basis with the Social Development Advisors Technical Group which represents all Tribal Councils, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc., and the Southern Chiefs Organization as well as representatives of Independent First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That a deadline of no later than February 2002, be established for the resolution of issues regarding compliance and verification of social assistance funds.

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AUG-01.12

Moved by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Duke Beardy
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

**RE: DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT (DIAND) TO CREATE A
SEPARATE INSTITUTION OR ENTITY FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND
FUNDING FOR MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS**

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, DIAND's management of Capital Funding for First Nations Capital Projects is not effectively and efficiently managed by the Department and many First Nations Capital Projects are being delayed and underfunded leading to cost over-runs and results in First Nations inability to complete their projects; and

WHEREAS, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been mandated November 2000 to develop the "Housing and Infrastructure, Capital Resource Centre".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the AMC Secretariat to create a Capital Technical Working Group with Tribal Engineers with the objective of assisting all Capital Projects and funding in Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this process be funded by the DIAND; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly demand DIAND ensure Capital Projects are carried without needless bureaucratic delays.

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Grand Chief**

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Moved by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roy Redhead
York Factory First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: REIMBURSEMENT FOR DIESEL POWERED
COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the First Nation communities of Shamattawa, Tadoule Lake, Lac Brochet, and Barren Lands are powered solely by diesel fuel and are required to pay \$.80 cents per kilowatt to Manitoba Hydro; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba Hydro regular rates in Manitoba for diesel fuel is \$.35 cents per kilowatt for other communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Manitoba Hydro to reimburse the First Nation communities of Shamattawa, Tadoule Lake, Lac Brochet, and Barren Lands, the differences of \$.45 cents per kilowatt to the amounts identified by each of these First Nation communities.

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Moved by:

Chief Dwayne Blackbird
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roy Redhead
York Factory First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Grand Chief, Dennis White Bird met in early Spring 2001, with Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Conservation at which time the Provincial Minister expressed an interest in a political arrangement on natural resources between the Province and First Nations based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Executive Committee mandated Grand Chief Dennis White Bird to initiate a drafting of the MOU and a meeting notice was provided to the Executive Directors of the Tribal Councils, MKO and SCO for the drafting of the MOU; and

WHEREAS, the draft MOU was presented to the AMC Annual General Assembly floor on August 29, 2001, followed by discussion and deliberation, expressed concerns that the Natural Resources must be addressed consistent with the First Nation - Crown relations and the process must fully address the fundamental issues of inherent, treaty, aboriginal and human rights and the enforcement of the same.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Grand Chief White Bird:

1. To place the Natural Resources MOU drafting process in abeyance for one year; and
2. To establish a Task Force under Self-Determination and Treaties Committee on Natural Resources and to take into consideration the fundamental issues of First Nation - Crown relations with respect to inherent rights, treaties and treaty rights, aboriginal and human rights for the development of a process for First Nations in Manitoba; and

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RESOURCES (cont'd)**

3. The Task Force shall address issues in relation to the traditional territory of each respective First Nation and is inclusive of the lands now referred to as "Crown Lands of Canada"; and
4. To begin this initiative within 30 days of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs - Annual General Assembly.

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Moved by:

Councillor Ivan Amyotte
Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPIRIT ISLAND - ABORIGINAL
CULTURAL TOURISM CENTRE**

WHEREAS, the First Peoples of Manitoba, hereafter referred to as Aboriginal in this document which include all First Nations, status and non-status, Metis Nations, and Dene, were guaranteed a permanent presence at the south point of the Forks in perpetuity, as stated in the founding document of the Forks North Portage Partnership Agreement signed in 1987; and

WHEREAS, a period of 14 years has gone by without the province and/or the federal government making a serious commitment or contribution to creating an Aboriginal presence at the Forks; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Aboriginal cultural tourism centre, known as "Spirit Island" has the potential to provide a neutral meeting place that will create awareness and understanding between all Aboriginal, and non Aboriginal people, of Manitoba.

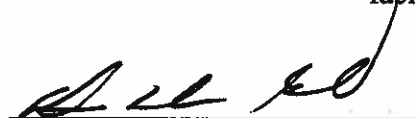
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs take a lead role in developing the "Spirit Island" tourism facility by urging the Manitoba government and the Federal government to contribute two thirds of the construction costs associated with Spirit Island, which is approximately \$4.6 million of the \$7 million needed; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs develop a working partnership with the Manitoba Metis Federation, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, to co-venture on this proposed facility; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs begin immediately to use its office and influence to engage the province and federal government in the creation of the proposed facility known as Spirit Island.



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Moved by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Bailey Colon
Oxford House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: KEEWATIN TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMUNITIES -
WINTER ROAD ACCESS**

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has entered into an agreement with the Provincial Government to provide a Winter Road access to Keewatin Tribal Council isolated communities; and

WHEREAS, in the agreement Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has agreed to contribute 50% of the costs to construct and maintain the winter road; and

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has arbitrarily taken capital funds from Keewatin Tribal Council communities' capital allocation to meet its 50% phase of the winter roads program; and

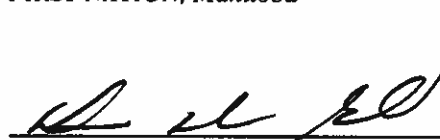
WHEREAS, this process has a negative impact on the Keewatin Tribal Council communities' ability to meet their local capital operation costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Indian and Northern Affairs Canada take immediate action to discontinue taking capital funds from Keewatin Tribal Council communities capital allocation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to provide capital funds over and above current capital allocation to the communities affected by the Winter Road Program.

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Moved by:

Chief Bailey Colon
Oxford House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: PATIENT TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION UNIT
(PTCU)**

WHEREAS, the Patient Transportation Coordination Unit (PTCU) was established in October 1997 to monitor the Patient Transportation Program which serves the medical needs of Manitoba First Nations within the resources made available to First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB); and

WHEREAS, the PTCU has not reported its findings as per its monitoring activities to the Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the FNIHB Patient Transportation Program is not meeting the needs of Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the PTCU is making unilateral decisions as per the Patient Transportation Program which directly impacts Manitoba First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Regional Director of First Nation Inuit Health Branch to dissolve the PTCU; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC direct the Regional Director of FNIHB to redirect the activities of the PTCU to existing Referral Units as identified by AMC.

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Moved by:

Chief Bailey Colon
Oxford House First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: RENEWAL OF FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) has initiated a process for the renewal of the First Nations and Inuit Health Care System; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) are participating in the Renewal Process in partnership with the FNIHB; and

WHEREAS, a National Joint Management Committee has been established. It is comprised of representatives from the AFN, ITC and the FNIHB. The Committee has the authority to make recommendations and decisions aimed at creating a culturally relevant health strategy and framework that will improve the health status of the First Nations.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Health Canada / Manitoba First Nations Working Group position that the Renewal Initiative be carried out at the Regional level to ensure adequate representation and input;
2. That the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AFN to act only as a facilitator to roll up the results for the Regional Renewal Initiative.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That terms of reference for the National Joint Committee be revised to include a Regional Provincial Renewal Initiative Working Group.


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Grand Chief

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Primrose
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF FIRST NATION PROBATION
SERVICE AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Aboriginal Justice Implementation Commission (2001) made specific recommendations to probation services. The AJI Report stated: "*Regional, Aboriginally controlled probation services be created to serve Aboriginal communities...All Aboriginal offenders be supervised by Aboriginal probation officers...Probation Officers assigned to handle cases of Aboriginal persons be able to speak the language of the probationer.*"; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Minister of Justice has expressed the desire and commitment to engage in a process for the transfer of probation services to Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, AMC agrees to initiate a process to transfer probation services to First Nations; a devolution process that is inclusive and respects the interests of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba and their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS, AMC agrees to coordinate a process to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Manitoba defining the mutual understandings, commitments and process.

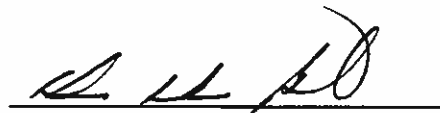
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby endorses the development of First Nation Probation Agencies and agrees with the Manitoba's Minister of Justice proposal to transfer the delivery of probation services to Manitoba First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs authorize the Grand Chiefs of AMC, MKO and SCO to oversee and establish a process and direct the Grand Chiefs to engage in a meaningful discussion to ensure the Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Province of Manitoba and the 63 First Nations in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the financing of this initiative shall be borne by the Province of Manitoba with a formal Memorandum of Understanding based on mutual agreed principles, process and timelines.

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: JAY TREATY FIRST NATIONS INTERNATIONAL
TREATY RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the sovereign First Nations of Turtle Island and the British Crown sovereign each entered into treaties as international treaties; and

WHEREAS, the sovereign First Nations practised trade relations between and amongst the First Nations on Turtle Island prior to entering into Treaty relationships with the British Crown; and

WHEREAS, First Nations international treaty and trade relations between and amongst First Nations and between First Nations and other nations are affirmed by First Nation - British Crown treaties; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Jay Treaty of 1794 contains provisions for First Nation border crossing rights recognizing the international and treaty rights of First Nations peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Crown in Right of Canada created legislation to implement all provisions of the Jay Treaty except for the implementation of First Nations treaties and treaty rights; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have attempted to find resolutions to this outstanding obligation on the part of the Crown in Right of Canada without success and now contemplate recourse to the courts and international forums; and

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**RE: JAY TREATY FIRST NATIONS INTERNATIONAL
TREATY RIGHTS (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, recently a test case, that impacts all First Nations, led by the Mohawks of Akwasasne for the recognition of treaty and aboriginal border crossing rights was upheld at the Federal Court and appealed successfully by Canada to the Supreme Court decision of May 24, 2001 limited to an aboriginal right in terms of trade but did not rule on individual and community use; and

WHEREAS, many issues remain unanswered and should be more properly addressed through negotiations, since Canada continues to pursue legal action through its own court this must be challenged by First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly support the initiatives by the First Nations to pursue a resolution for the implementation of the Jay Treaty principles and rights on border crossing and First Nations international trade relations.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs pursue funds for a process for the proper recognition and implementation of treaty principles and rights under the Jay Treaty within this fiscal year.

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Moved by:

Chief Larry Soldier
Swan Lake First Nation

**RE: CONSTRUCTION OF A WEIR AT THE FOOT OF THE
SWAN LAKE**

Seconded by:

Chief Moses Owens
Paungassi First Nation

WHEREAS, the geographical location of the Swan Lake Reserve was selected in 1876 by the original Band Council for its abundance of game and fish in the immediate locale; and

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WHEREAS, the Swan Lake First Nation had supplied the people of the Swan Lake Reserve with an abundance of fish for food in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, since about the early 1970's the level of the lake has declined, which has precipitated a decrease in the supply of oxygen in the Lake and which in turn has caused an insignificant population of fish; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Swan Lake Reserve have suffered a loss of a traditional food supply as a result of the decline in the level of the Swan Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Chief and Council is desirous of having a weir built at the foot of the Swan Lake so that it can again maintain a significant supply of fish for food.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Chief and Council of the Swan Lake First Nation in their endeavor to have the level of the Swan Lake raised by the construction of a weir on Highway 34.

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Moved by:

Chief Vera Mitchell
Poplar River First Nation

**RE: ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY
MEASURES ORGANIZATION/NATURAL DISASTERS
(EMO /ND)**

Seconded by:

Councillor Rod Traverse
Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations do not have EMO/ND resources or infrastructures to protect and safeguard First Nations, residents, citizens, and communities; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations do not have access to the existing EMO/ND funding or services when disasters strike in our communities that is made available to other communities in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that access, services and new funding be made available directly to the First Nations to be secured from the Disaster Financial Assistance Agency(s) and that such funds are equal to the access of funds and services provided to the province; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) to ensure that any such funds received by First Nations for National Disaster and Financial Assistance Agency are not taken out of DIAND Regional Allocations Capital account.

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Moved by:

Chief Duke Beardy
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Councillor Rod Traverse
Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: TAXATION OF FIRST NATION FISHERIES

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Turtle Island are immune from the British Crown's (now Canada's) legislation on taxation on the basis of the Treaties; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Treaties and treaty rights are infringed by the unilateral imposition of Canada's taxation laws and, in particular, on the First Nations' Commercial fisheries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that all First Nations Freshwater Fisheries and fishermen be declared as tax exempt from the Government of Canada's legislation with respect to the sales of fish caught.

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