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21st ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NISICHAWAYASIIK CREE NATION
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**RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING & PROTOCOL
ON FIRST NATION HEALTH**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Marcel Balfour
Norway House Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly passed Resolution #JAN-05.01 supporting and endorsing the document entitled, "Manitoba First Nations Health & Wellness Strategy (MFNHWS)," ("the Strategy"); and

WHEREAS, The priority as outlined in Section A of the Strategy is to move towards a more effective health care system to implement better coordination of health and social services by designing and establishing a First Nation Health Care System Framework that is controlled, governed and administered by First Nations; and

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly passed Resolution #MAY-08.01 to adopt the "Political Action Plan on First Nations Health" ("the Action Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Section III Objectives-B of the Action Plan mandates the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to develop a "Political Protocol" to conduct negotiations with Canada and Manitoba on a Nation-to-Nation and Government-to-Government relationship; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc. developed a Memorandum of Understanding on First Nations Health ("the MOU") and a Protocol on First Nations Health ("the Protocol"); and

WHEREAS, The AMC Grand Chief and the AMC Chiefs Task Force on Health have reviewed the MOU and Protocol and the Executive Council of Chiefs have accepted the MOU and Protocol in principle; and

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly has discussed and considered the MOU and Protocol.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly adopt and ratify the MOU and Protocol; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to work with the AMC Chiefs Task Force on Health to establish a table for negotiations with Canada and Manitoba pursuant to the MOU and Protocol.

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Grand Chief Ron Evans

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**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS
HEALTH COUNCIL**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Glen Ross
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Marcel Balfour
Norway House Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The First Nation peoples in Manitoba have Inherent Rights affirmed in our sacred Treaties and recognize that our peoples have had our own healing systems since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, There is a significant gap in the health status of Manitoba First Nations compared to the general population of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, While First Nations have considered the concept of a Manitoba First Nations Health Council for many decades and stated that the purpose of the Health Council would be to participate in health policy and planning to improve health services and access to services for First Nations citizens; and

WHEREAS, The AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly through Resolution JAN-05.01 *Re: Manitoba First Nations Health Strategy, Ten Years and Beyond 2005* supported the Manitoba First Nations Health and Wellness Strategy: A 10 Year Plan for Action and provided direction to establish a Health Council; and

WHEREAS, The AMC through the Intergovernmental Committee on Manitoba First Nations Health submitted a proposal and received funding through the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund Integration Envelope to further develop the Intergovernmental Health Council concept; and

WHEREAS, The AMC through engagement with the Chiefs Task Force on Health, Manitoba First Nation community representatives, federal and provincial departmental representatives and the Regional Health Authorities has built consensus on the proposed mandate of the Health Council and revised the model based on feedback received during the engagement process; and

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**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS
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WHEREAS, There is consensus that the role of the Health Council must be reflective of First Nations priorities and needs with 'grassroots' First Nations leading the process; and

WHEREAS, First Nations also recognize that the Crown through its federal and provincial governments must be involved in First Nation health renewal processes in their fiduciary capacity; and

WHEREAS, The First Nation political oversight for Health Council activities will be provided by the Chiefs Task Force on Health and the Joint Leadership Task Force.

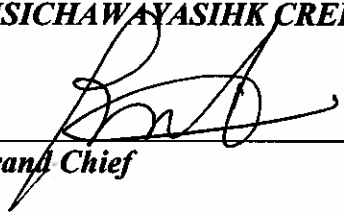
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly endorse the proposed mandate of the Manitoba First Nations Health Council and direct the AMC to proceed in collaboration with federal and provincial partners in the development of:

- 1) A Manitoba First Nations Health Council Strategic Plan inclusive of implementation and operational plans;
- 2) A Memorandum of Agreement to support the establishment of the Manitoba First Nations Health Council and provide the required resources to guide and support the work plan; and
- 3) Appropriate financial arrangements to support the Manitoba First Nations Health Council as a collaborative mechanism in addressing the gaps in First Nations health.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL
AND INCREASED FIRST NATION SPECIFIC FUNDING OF
UPSTREAM INVESTMENTS**

Moved by:

Proxy Garth Flett
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Donovan Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, In September 2004, a meeting was held between the First Ministers and Leaders of the 5 National Aboriginal Organizations. As a result of this meeting, the Government of Canada committed \$1.315 billion over five years for upstream investments (2005/2010):

- \$870 million to stabilize the First Nation and Inuit eHealth System;
- \$445 million to promote transformation and to build capacity; and

WHEREAS, The following 5 initiatives are due to be reviewed by Cabinet and Treasury Board by March 2010, with consideration for renewal:

- 1) Aboriginal Health Transition Fund (AHTF);
- 2) Aboriginal Health Human Resource Initiative (AHHRI);
- 3) Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (ADI);
- 4) National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy (NAYSPS);
- 5) Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Early Child Development/ Aboriginal Head Start (ECH/AHS); and

WHEREAS, There is no commitment by the federal government to fund these programs beyond 2010, with the exception of AHTF that has been extended to March 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The “Upstream” nature of most of these initiatives focus on: early intervention; strengthening existing relationships and structures; and collaboration to address root causes of social and health problems in First Nation communities before they manifest as illness and disability; and

WHEREAS, First Nation communities in Manitoba and across the country have implemented various programs and initiatives made available through these funding streams; and

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UPSTREAM INVESTMENTS**

WHEREAS, In the Manitoba Region, the First Nations and AMC Secretariat have been actively involved in the planning, development and implementation of the MCH, AHTF, AHHRI, NAYSPS and the case of the MCH, involved in the evaluation as well; and

WHEREAS, Investments in these initiatives require more time to demonstrate positive impacts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, to advocate for a renewed mandate and increased investment for First Nation specific upstream initiatives beyond 2010; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly support the position of the Assembly of First Nations on renewal of the Upstream Investment Initiatives.

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AUG-09.04

**RE: INTERNAL AUDIT OF FNIH, MANITOBA REGION AND
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF REGIONAL
DIRECTOR**

Moved by:

Chief George Neepin
Fox Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Joe Antsanen
Northlands Denesuline First
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs passed Resolution MAR-01.17 calling for an independent special audit on Health Canada and Resolution MAY-08.08 calling on the Auditor General of Canada to audit First Nation & Inuit Health (FNIH), Manitoba Region and no action was taken by the Auditor General; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations have concerns on the management practices and deteriorating working relationships with the FNIH Manitoba Region Regional Director Jim Wolfe; and

WHEREAS, The Manitoba First Nation leadership has lost confidence over the last six years with FNIH, Manitoba management and staff to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility to properly fund and provide access to health for the First Nations in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct Grand Chief to demand the Federal Minister of Health Canada to immediately undertake an Internal Audit on the Performance, Financial and Management practices of the First Nation & Inuit Health, Manitoba Region to determine and report upon the effectiveness and adequacies of current practices and strategies on health delivery for First Nations citizens; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to request a performance evaluation of Regional Director Jim Wolfe, FNIH, Manitoba Region.

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AUG-09.05

**RE: VACCINATION PRIORITIZATION OF FIRST NATIONS
CITIZENS**

Moved by:

Chief Marcel Balfour
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Oliver Okimaw
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The H1N1 is a world health threat affecting the Manitoba First Nations population disproportionately high in comparison with the general population; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 62% of the First Nation population in Manitoba is under the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, Internationally, the average age of confirmed H1N1 cases has been 12 – 17 years of age; the average age of death from H1N1 has been 22; and a total of 52% of those hospitalized were under the age of 19; and

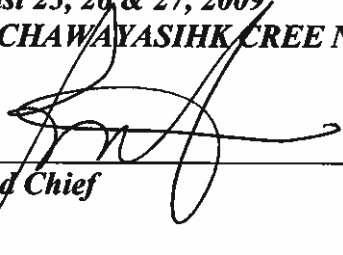
WHEREAS, Pregnant women are the highest at risk group and are 4 times more likely to be hospitalized than other people with the virus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief and health staff to advocate that Manitoba First Nations are a first priority for the H1N1 Pandemic Vaccination.

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AUG-09.06

RE: MISSING AND MURDERED WOMEN

Moved by:

Chief Marcel Balfour
Norway House Cree Nation

WHEREAS, The number of missing and murdered women has increased substantially in the past twelve months; and

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Skownan First Nation

WHEREAS, Seventy-one First Nation and Aboriginal women have gone missing or have been murdered in Manitoba since 1980; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is creating awareness and advocating to address the cases of missing and murdered women and has called on RCMP "D" Division to review unconcluded investigative files concerning missing and murdered women in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, The Provincial Justice Minister has called on the RCMP and the Winnipeg Police to determine whether a serial killer is responsible for the number of missing and murdered women.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct and support the AMC Grand Chief to call on the Federal and Provincial governments for a Public Inquiry into the Missing and Murdered First Nations and Aboriginal Women in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to ensure representation on the Integrated Task Force Steering Committee on Missing and Murdered First Nations and Aboriginal Women.

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AUG-09.07

RE: INAC POLICY ON MISSING FIRST NATION CITIZENS

Moved by:

Chief Oliver Okimaw
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

WHEREAS, In recent years, many First Nations citizens in Manitoba have gone missing and have never been located; and

Seconded by:

Proxy Joe Antsanen
Northlands Denesuline First
Nation

WHEREAS, INAC has a fiduciary responsibility to support First Nations Health and Safety; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nation communities require assistance in searching for and locating missing First Nations both on and off-reserve; and

WHEREAS, INAC policy does not support community efforts to search for First Nation citizens outside of First Nation communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief to establish a process to engage INAC regional office in policy analysis with respect to missing First Nation citizens; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, The mandate for policy changes reflect INAC's investment in crisis and adversity to help First Nations in searching for missing First Nation citizens.

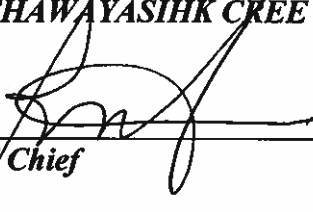
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RE: McIVOR CASE AND FIRST NATION CITIZENSHIP

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert G. Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada continues to undermine First Nations' citizenship through its policy of exerting unilateral control over the legal definition of an "Indian"; and

WHEREAS, Bill C-31 amendments to the *Indian Act* in 1985 created categories of 'status Indians' section 6(1), 6(2) and purported to delegate authority to First Nations to assume "control" over membership under section 10; and

WHEREAS, Even though these amendments were intended to remove the inherent discrimination in the *Indian Act*, it merely deferred this discrimination one or two generations and entrenched differential treatment of women and their descendants; and

WHEREAS, Sharon McIvor challenged the constitutionality of section 6 of the *Indian Act* as a violation of section 15 of the *Canadian Charter* at the BC Supreme Court which ruled that it did constitute discrimination on the basis of sex and matrilineal descendency. The BC Supreme Court decreed that s. 6 was of no force in effect with respect to the conferral of Indian status and ordered that the reinstated Indian women who married non-Indian men be recognized as having the same ability to pass on status to grandchildren as their brothers who married non-Indian women; and

WHEREAS, Canada appealed the decision to the BC Court of Appeal (BCCA), and the BCCA found section 6 discriminatory but on much narrower grounds and ruled that Bill C-31 created a new inequality because it enhanced the position of those affected by the "double mother rule"; children of non-Indian mother and non-Indian paternal grandmother who lost status at age 21 by restoring their status to s. 6(1) status, meaning that they could pass status regardless of status of other parent. The BCCA only struck down sections that gave this "enhanced status" as it relates to s. 6(1)(a) and 6(1)(c) and imposed a timeline for the Government of Canada to amend s. 6 of the *Indian Act* by April 6, 2010; and

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RE: McIVOR CASE AND FIRST NATION CITIZENSHIP

WHEREAS, Sharon McIvor filed for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) and the SCC have yet to decide whether it will hear her appeal; and

WHEREAS, On August 24, 2009 the Government of Canada released its policy position on the McIvor decision to amend the *Indian Act* and create new categories under section 6(2) that would grant status to any grandchildren of women who lost status due to out-marriage and whose children born of that marriage had the grandchild with a non-Indian after 1951, and the Government of Canada is now seeking input from First Nations on this approach; and

WHEREAS, If the SCC grants leave to appeal, discussion on pursuing control of Citizenship by First Nations as opposed to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) by way of an amendment to the *Indian Act* will be put on hold pending a decision.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to ensure there is AMC participation in the meetings with INAC departmental officials regarding a response to the McIvor case; and

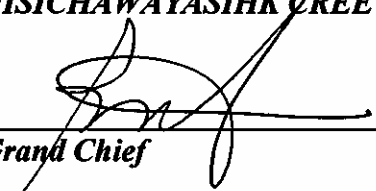
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC prepare a written submission stating the AMC member First Nations positions on the proposed amendment under section 6(2) to INAC for Grand Chief presentation before November 13, 2009; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct AMC Grand Chief to provide a legal analysis on AMC taking "intervener status" in the event the SCC grants leave to appeal for review by the Executive Council of Chiefs.

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**RE: TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA'S
RENEWAL**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, The AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly by resolution March 2001.30 mandated the establishment of a Treaty Relations Commission in Manitoba (TRCM); and

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Skownan First Nation

WHEREAS, The AMC and Canada (Her Majesty In Right of Canada as represented by Indian Affairs and Northern Development – INAC) signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on November 19, 2003; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada through its Privy Council Office by Order-In-Council approved the establishment of a Treaty Relations Commission in Manitoba for a period of five years and ten months commencing June 1, 2005 with its mandate expiring on March 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The MOA states the TRCM will function as an independent neutral body with a exploratory mandate to:

- Strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship and mutual respect;
- Engage in public education activities to improve understanding of the Treaty relationship and Treaty related issues;
- Provide facilitation services for discussing Treaty related issues;
- Conduct independent research; and

WHEREAS, The MOA states, the initial term of the TRCM will be for a period of five years and may be extended for further terms as the Parties may agree; and

WHEREAS, The MOA states, an evaluation shall be conducted in the fourth year of the agreement; and

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**RE: TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA'S
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WHEREAS, An impact evaluation of Treaty Commissions is currently underway by INAC's Audit and Evaluation Sector and Donna Cona independent consulting firm to support the process of seeking a renewal of the contribution-funding authority *Contribution to provincially and/or regionally based Treaty Commissions* in March 2001 including the requirement to renew TRCM's overall MOA; and

WHEREAS, The AMC negotiated funding to ensure that a First Nations' perspective on the relevance, success and cost-effectiveness of the TRCM be included in the evaluation resulting in three Focus Groups: AMC Elders, Treaty Chiefs and the Executive Council of Chiefs on August 10 & 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Evaluation Focus Group report and its findings will assist in identifying gaps and concerns based on the discussions and findings; and

WHEREAS, The Treaty Relations Directorate, INAC Headquarters and the Department of Justice stated they do not have authority to engage in formal discussions with AMC to amend or renegotiate a new MOA in order to meet Canada's critical path for funding authority renewals; and

WHEREAS, The AMC Executive Council of Chiefs established a Chiefs Task Force on TRCM Renewal on June 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Chiefs Task Force on TRCM Renewal has recommended that:

- AMC proceed with TRCM renewal;
- First Nation leadership be included in discussing how or whether the Province of Manitoba should become involved in future Treaty discussions; and
- Chiefs become involved in the TRCM Governance Structure.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly support the continuation of the TRCM beyond March 31, 2011 and direct the AMC Grand Chief to sign a Letter of Joint Instruction with the Minister of Indian Affairs for the extension of the MOA as an interim measure while continuing to pursue the broadening of the TRCM mandate to include treaty implementation, jurisdiction and establishment of a Treaty Table including but not limited to:

- Economic Relations;
- Citizenship;
- Health and Socio-Economic Well-Being; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Grand Chief and Chiefs Task Force on TRCM Renewal are mandated to seek a commitment from Canada that a new agreement for the TRCM be negotiated and approved.

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RE: LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Moved by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Skowman First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly recognize the First Nations electoral system and terms of office for Chief and Council creates instability for First Nations communities and impedes collective and sustainable decision-making and continuous leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly support and endorse the Common Election Day and Standard Term of Office; and

WHEREAS, Chiefs-In-Assembly Resolution JAN-09.10 directing AMC Grand Chief, AMC and the AMC Governance Table to develop a Common Election Code that respects the authority and jurisdiction of each First Nation and to work in partnership with FN communities to prepare referenda options for a province-wide referendum; and

WHEREAS, The subsequent analysis of the process required to accomplish said resolution identified several obstacles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC request the Minister of Indian Affairs fund and take the necessary steps to remove the electoral provisions of the Indian Act that apply to the election of Chiefs, and implement a new legislated election system affording four year terms, a common election day, and include flexibilities that can be adapted to community needs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC organize and hold engagement meetings with the 37 Manitoba First Nation communities that hold elections under the Indian Act, for the purpose of discussing: the advantages of moving to a common election day and an extension of the terms of office; the rationale for the removal from the current electoral provisions of the Indian Act; the essence of the relevant new legislation, including recall and appeal provisions; and establishment of the position of a First Nation Chief Electoral Officer; and

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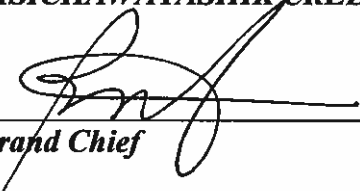
RE: LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC take all necessary steps to complete the engagement meetings and the required subsequent referendum as quickly as possible.

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RE: CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR SPIRIT WIND INC.

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly passed Resolution JAN-03.15: "Support of the Spirit Wind Former Residential School Claimants Association"; and

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert G. Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, The Chiefs-In-Assembly subsequently passed Resolution MAY-03.22: "Support for the Strategy and Position of Spirit Wind Association for Survivors of the Indian Residential School System"; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, 'Spirit Wind Inc.' (Spirit Wind) is now promoting the issue of recognition of the negative impact of "Day Schools" on First Nations Victims and Survivors; and

WHEREAS, Spirit Wind Inc. has promoted the issue(s) of compensation for First Nations Victims and Survivors including an official apology; and

WHEREAS, Spirit Wind has initiated a Class Action Law Suit on behalf of First Nation Victims and Survivors of Day Schools; and

WHEREAS, Spirit Wind is requesting political support but not financial support from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) in its pursuit of addressing the Day School abuses of First Nations students in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to support and acknowledge Spirit Wind Inc.'s intent in addressing the issue of abuse in Day Schools.

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NISICAWAYASIIHK CREE NATION, Manitoba



Grand Chief

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21ST ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NISICHAWAYASIIHK CREE NATION
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AUG-09.12

RE: ABORIGINAL HEALING FOUNDATION FUNDING EXTENSION

Moved by:

Chief Jim Tobacco
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert G. Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The mission of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation is to encourage and support First Nations people in building and reinforcing sustainable healing processes that address the legacy of Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse in the Residential School system, including intergenerational impacts; and

WHEREAS, The Aboriginal Healing Foundation's role is to facilitate the healing process by assisting First Nations people help themselves by: providing fiscal resources for healing initiatives, promoting awareness of healing issues and needs, and nurturing a supportive public environment; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999-2000 to 2006-2007, the Aboriginal Healing Foundation has committed and expended a total of project funding of \$406 million; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement committed \$125 million to extend the existing Aboriginal Healing Foundation funding grants in 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement's project contributions will expire March 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, First Nation communities and their citizens are in the midst of their healing and reconciliation projects and require additional time and fiscal resources.

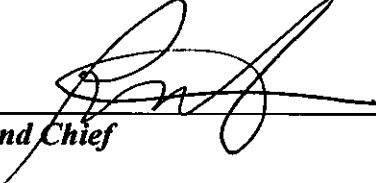
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to support and advocate for a three year extension of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation funding.

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AUG-09.13

**RE: LOSS OF COMPENSATION FOR NORTHERN FLOOD
LANDS AND TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT LANDS ON
NON-TRANSFERRED LANDS**

Moved by:

Proxy D'Arcy Linklater
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief George Neepin
Fox Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The Northern Flood Committee Inc. (NFA), ratified the Manitoba Northern Flood Agreement (NFA) in 1978, with Canada, the Province of Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro which provided compensation to the affected First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Between 1994 and 1996, seven First Nations signed individual Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreements (TLE), and in 1977, an additional 19 (now 21) First Nations signed the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement, and under these agreements Canada and Manitoba committed to adding up to 1.1 million acres to First Nation reserve lands and payment in compensation; and

WHEREAS, Several of the NFA and the TLE Agreements have not been fully implemented and the affected First Nations have suffered harm and severe losses including: lack of land transfer to reserve land status; social, cultural and economic impacts; and losses incurred by loss of use property of non-transferred lands to-date; and

WHEREAS, The Auditor General of Canada made several recommendations in 2005 and 2009, to address delays to implementation specific to INAC not supporting First Nations in resolving third party interests and ensuring the setting aside of lands for transfers to reserve status; and

WHEREAS, The continuing delay by Manitoba and Canada to transfer lands for TLE and NFA lands is an unjustifiable infringement of the First Nations Treaty Right to select lands and receive transfer to reserve lands and is inconsistent with the Honor of the Crown.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Grand Chief to provide a letter to Canada and the Province of Manitoba to support loss of use compensation to the NFA and TLE for the outstanding lands transfers to-date.

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**RE: HONOURING FIRST NATIONS TREATIES DAY AT THE
MANITOBA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Skownan First Nation

WHEREAS, The AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly and AMC Grand Chief by resolution Jan-09.05 (attached) supported the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) representatives to participate in the development of a Special Day to Honour our Treaties, including our internal Treaties, at the Manitoba Legislature; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, The TRCM in partnership with the AMC and Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs (ANA) have initiated dialogue with respect to improving the understanding of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship with the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, The Crown, through the Governments of Canada and the Province of Manitoba, and First Nations have had a unique relationship that has been in existence for over 138 years; and

WHEREAS, The Treaties between the Crown and First Nations recognized and affirmed the Inherent and Treaty Rights of First Nations people; and

WHEREAS, The Honouring First Nations Treaties Day at the Manitoba Legislative Assembly will highlight the importance of Treaties in the creation of Canada and Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, The event will serve as an educational tool for all Manitobans including school-age children, Members of the Legislative Assembly, civil servants and the general public on the important events in Manitoba history to include First Nations contributions to Manitoba and promote the understanding of the spirit and intent of Treaties.

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**RE: HONOURING FIRST NATIONS TREATIES DAY AT THE
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly and AMC Grand Chief support the TRCM in securing funding to co-host the Honouring First Nations Treaties Day at the Manitoba Legislative Assembly on May 12, 2010.

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