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General Chiefs Assembly & AFN Regional Chief Election
Keeshkeemaquah Conference and Gaming Centre
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RE: CROWN-FIRST NATIONS GATHERING

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Deborah Chief
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and the Government of Canada hosted the “Crown – First Nations Gathering (“Gathering”) on January 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, various First Nations leaders of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) attended this Gathering with the intent to voice their concerns and ideas to Prime Minister Harper, including the call for a First Ministers Meeting on First Nations Issues; and

WHEREAS, the AFN and the Government of Canada have jointly developed key messages, action plans and outcome statements that have been neither reviewed or endorsed by the First Nations leadership of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba have the right to determine our own plans of action by virtue of our inherent right of self-determination as Peoples and governments; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations leadership in Manitoba give notice to both the AFN and Canada that we assert and stand strong and united from our inherent and Treaty rights perspective.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly call for a review and clarification of the AFN/Canada joint action plan and outcome statement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AFN apologize to the First Nations leadership for releasing a joint outcome statement despite the fact that the First Nations leadership had put forth their position that no joint outcome statement was to be released without our review and input; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to request a forum to be held with the Prime Minister and his Senior Cabinet Ministers here in Manitoba; and

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RE: CROWN – FIRST NATIONS GATHERING (cont'd)

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to reaffirm that we do not endorse the joint process taken by the AFN and Canada at the Gathering and that the AMC Grand Chief notify the AFN that any working group or committee that the AFN establishes jointly with Canada on, among other things, Governance, Fiscal Relations, Education/Training, Economic Access/Jurisdiction on our Traditional Lands and Resources, must involve the leaders of Manitoba First Nations and identify funding for said leadership to participate, and said leadership shall not be limited to the AFN Regional Chief and shall include Grand Chiefs of AMC, MKO and SCO, and any other such party as may be identified from time to time by the leaders of Manitoba First Nations.

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Grand Chief Derek Nepinak

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RE: POLITICAL UNITY ACCORD

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba agree on the importance of achieving recognition and implementation of First Nation governments; and

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point
First Nation

WHEREAS, numerous resolutions have been passed at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly regarding the concept of unity, synchronization of action items and governance renewal; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Grand Chiefs of the AMC, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), and the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) met at the Grand Summit in Kenora, Ontario from November 21-23, 2011 to discuss how the three organizations may work together to develop consistent approaches on key issues; and

WHEREAS, a Political Unity Accord was signed in a sacred pipe ceremony between the three Grand Chiefs of the AMC, the MKO and the SCO and the AFN Regional Chief on November 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this Political Unity Accord was brought forward to the AMC Executive Council for review on November 25, 2011 with a motion passed that the AMC is to provide updates on activities undertaken through this Accord with the MKO and the SCO; and

WHEREAS, the Accord respects the autonomy of the First Nations of Manitoba whether or not affiliated with the respective Political Territorial Organizations (PTO's) and shall not limit, abrogate or derogate the inherent right of self-government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly do hereby ratify the Political Unity Accord as signed between the AMC, the MKO and the SCO and direct the AMC Grand Chief to provide regular reports at the AMC Chiefs-in-Assemblies regarding the progress of the Accord.

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RE: POLITICAL UNITY ACCORD (cont'd)

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief is directed to establish Technical Advisory & Working groups with representatives from the AMC, the MKO and the SCO, as may be deemed necessary to develop joint processes and communication strategies regarding areas of common interest in furtherance of the Accord.

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RE: DAY SCHOOL

Moved by:

Chief Gerald Anderson
Little Saskatchewan
First Nation

WHEREAS, day schools were operated on or near First Nation communities to educate registered First Nation children; and

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS thousands of First Nation day school students were left out of the \$1.9-billion residential school compensation settlement because they went home to their families every night; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Resolution AUG 09.11 Continued Support for Spirit Wind Inc. acknowledged and affirmed the Chiefs in Assembly support for day school students; and

WHEREAS, a lawsuit has been filed regarding day school students; and

WHEREAS, a database has been compiled of over 10,000 day school students; and

WHEREAS a number of First Nations in Manitoba have provided financial support to this class action for the past 1.5 years to ensure that this process continues; and

WHEREAS, the commitment made by the Assembly of First Nations to donate \$15,000 towards the action has yet to materialize; and

WHEREAS, a strategy is now necessary to call upon First Nations both regionally and nationally to continue to support the McLean Day School Class Action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly call on Joan Jack to provide a proposal to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for the McLean Day School Class Action; and

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RE: DAY SCHOOL (cont'd)

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly establish a working group to develop a framework to conduct a legal and financial analysis of work performed and provide a strategy on the best way to partner with the current legal counsel to ensure that the McLean Day School Class Action continues to move forward in the form of offering assistance in client service and through legal support.

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FEB-12.04

RE: POST CROWN-FIRST NATIONS STRATEGY SESSION

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roy Dunsford
Little Grand Rapids
First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) letter (January 23, 2012) to Prime Minister Stephen Harper requested that Canada call for a First Ministers Meeting (FMM) on First Nations issues as a key outcome of the Crown-First Nations Gathering held January 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is the view of the Chiefs in Manitoba that although the federal government has considerable authority, the provinces and First Nations must be directly involved in any meetings that seek to truly "reset the relationship" on a government to government basis; and

WHEREAS, the Kelowna Accord understandings and its fiscal commitments of \$5.1 billion plus loss of use and cost of living indexes can serve as a framework for the proposed FMM as this Kelowna Accord was viewed as a process of cooperation and consultation that brought all parties to the table to improve the quality of life in all facets for First Nations people; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) calls for a strategy session that identifies key Manitoba First Nation specific issues in lead up to a proposed FMM.

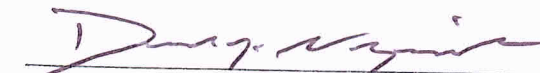
THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to secure resources to host a strategy session in order to begin the development of this framework based on principles and spirit of the Kelowna Accord. For greater certainty, future framework development will pertain exclusively to First Nation issues.

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RE: SOUTHERN FIRST NATIONS TUBERCULOSIS (TB) STRATEGY

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin
Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Wilfred McKay
Rolling River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nation people are 5 times more likely to contract tuberculosis (TB) than other Canadians. TB infection rates are affected by other chronic health conditions such as diabetes, renal disease, malnutrition, alcohol and drug use and HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictional issues that delay and prevent timely and appropriate care, treatment and follow up needed to address TB infection; and

WHEREAS, overcrowding / poor housing, food security issues, other chronic health conditions and lack of access to health care all contribute to the high rates of TB in First Nation communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support and lobby for funding for the creation of a Southern Tuberculosis Working Group which will:

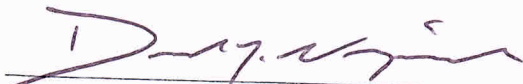
- Develop a Southern Tuberculosis Strategy that is First Nation specific and addresses the unique service delivery needs of Southern First Nation communities.
- Support communities in reducing the stigma and misconceptions associated with TB through awareness and educational activities.
- Address the link between TB and the social determinants of health through partnerships and collaboration with departments, programs and organizations that focus on issues such as housing, food, education, employment and air quality.
- Support capacity building at the community level for TB prevention and control activities
- Create awareness of other chronic health conditions such as HIV, Diabetes, renal impairment and malnutrition that can affect an individual's ability to defend itself against Tuberculosis.

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RE: POLITICAL UNITY ACCORD ON HEALTH

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, numerous resolutions have been passed at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly regarding the concept of unity, synchronization of action items and governance renewal; and,

Seconded by:

Chief Alex McDougall
Wasagamack First Nation

WHEREAS, the Grand Chiefs of the AMC, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), and the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) met at the Grand Chief Summit in Kenora, Ontario from November 21 – 23, 2011 to discuss how the three organizations may work together to develop consistent approaches on key health issues; and,

CARRIED

WHEREAS, a Political Unity Accord on Health was signed in a sacred pipe ceremony between the three Grand Chiefs of the AMC, the MKO and the SCO and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief on November 23, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Political Unity Accord on Health was brought forward to the AMC Executive Council for review on November 25, 2011 with a motion passed that the AMC is to provide updates on activities undertaken through this Accord with the MKO and the SCO; and,

WHEREAS, the Political Unity Accord on Health respects the autonomy of the First Nations in Manitoba whether or not affiliated with the aforementioned Political Territorial Organizations (PTO's) and this Accord shall not limit, abrogate or derogate the inherent right of self-government; and,

WHEREAS, for greater certainty, the Political Unity Accord on Health shall not affect any existing agreement between any First Nation and the government, particularly, the 1964 Agreement between Health Canada and the Province of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly do hereby ratify the Political Unity Accord on Health as signed between the AMC, the MKO, the SCO and the AFN Regional Chief and direct the AMC Grand Chief to provide regular reports to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly regarding the progress of the Accord.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief is directed to establish any sub-Technical Working Groups with representatives from the AMC, the MKO and the SCO, as may be deemed necessary to develop joint strategies, processes and communication strategies regarding areas of common interest in furtherance of the Political Unity Accord on Health.

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