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**Keeshkeemaquah Conference & Gaming Centre
Long Plain First Nation
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**RE: JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE TO RESOLVING
JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES IMPACTING FIRST
NATIONS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Moved by:

A/Chief Fred Muskego
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Canada has signed and is bound by International Laws and Conventions on: Universal Declaration of Human Rights; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and more specifically, The Rights of the Child; all, guaranteeing the right of non discrimination; and

WHEREAS, section 15.1 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees every resident of Canada equal benefit and protection of law without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, despite these international and domestic laws First Nation children in need of medical care have needlessly suffered during delays in treatment arising from jurisdictional disputes between Canadian governments and departments; and

WHEREAS, AMC Grand Chief's letter to Prime Minister Paul Martin April 05, 2004 requested Canada to resolve these jurisdictional disputes that are not experienced by non-First Nation children; and

WHEREAS, Norway House Cree Nation requested provincial and federal governments to resolve jurisdictional and financial obstacles regarding Jordan, a child from the community; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada "**Wen De**" report determined that jurisdictional disputes have a significant impact on status Indian children and recommended changes such as the "**Child First Principle**" to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, Jordan, a First Nation child from Norway House Cree Nation unnecessarily remained in hospital for two years while two federal government departments disputed which one would pay for the costs of his care in a family home. Jordan passed away never having lived in a family home.

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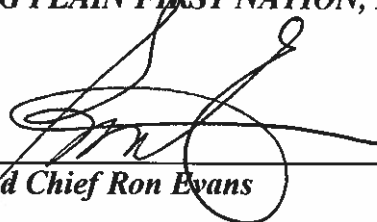
**RE: JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE TO RESOLVING
JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES IMPACTING FIRST
NATIONS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the federal and provincial governments to implement the "**Child First Principle**" in resolving inter-governmental jurisdictional disputes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC meet with federal and provincial governments to establish the jurisdictional dispute resolution table with fair and effective First Nation representation.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of the memory of Jordan and with respect to his family and community, that the "**Child First Principle**" to resolving jurisdictional disputes be termed "**Jordan's Principle**" and be implemented without delay.

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**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON FIRST NATIONS
CITIZENSHIP**

Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead First Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) First Nations Women's Committee (FNWC) has been mandated by Chiefs of Manitoba to take the lead in addressing issue of Bill C-31, MAR-01.32; and

Seconded by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

WHEREAS, the FNWC has worked closely with the AMC Grand Chief's Office in recent years to direct and coordinate Bill C-31 impact research studies, analysis and strategy development (Favel 2004, Clatworthy 2005); and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, other First Nations organizations (e.g. Southern Chiefs Organization) and communities (e.g. Brokenhead Ojibway Nation) have undertaken their own research, analysis and strategy development; and

WHEREAS, these studies and analysis demonstrate the ways in which all First Nations are impacted by Bill C-31, regardless of location of residency and gender; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations currently have been presented two avenues to address the issues of Bill C-31 and citizenship - Manitoba Framework Agreement Initiative (FAI) and Assembly of First Nations (AFN) national initiative and policy table; and

WHEREAS, the FNWC recommends coordinated and collective research sharing, analysis, and strategic development amongst Political and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils in Manitoba to compliment and to provide resource information to support these avenues; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the FNWC recommendation by directing the AMC to immediately establish and coordinate a Working Group on First Nations Citizenship that includes representatives from the Political and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils to:

- (i) share research and analysis; and
- (ii) to engage in discussions towards strategies development to implement First Nations citizenship laws; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Political and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils each contribute human and a portion of financial resources or secure financial resources to fund the work of this Working Group in year 1 and to review proposed subsequent year financial requirements; and

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**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON FIRST NATIONS
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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that this Working Group report to the Executive Chiefs Council and AMC Grand Chief on a regular basis; and provide a strategic report at the July 2006 AMC Annual Assembly.

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RE: FAI NEGOTIATIONS

Moved by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead First Nation

WHEREAS, the Framework Agreement Initiative was signed by Canada and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in 1994; and

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point
First Nation

WHEREAS, the Agreement was signed after a period of intense negotiations; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the approval process for Canada included cabinet approval which was received on November 22, 1994; and

WHEREAS, since the signing of the agreement the Government of Canada has implemented new policies regarding the inherent right of self-government and other constitutional rights of the First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Canada is attempting to impose these policies in the negotiations being conducted contrary to the terms and conditions that were agreed to by both parties to the Framework Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the First Nation negotiators to ensure the principles and mutual commitments as outlined in the Framework Agreement Initiative, are the basis of negotiations.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a committee of First Nation leaders comprised of three Southern and three Northern representatives be established for a comprehensive review of the FAI process and make recommendations to be presented at the next Chiefs Assembly.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that FAI ensures that there is ongoing First Nation leadership involvement in negotiations.

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RE: FIRST NATION YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Moved by:

Chief Linda TwoHeart
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

A/Chief Fred Muskego
Norway House Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nation youth in Canada have a suicide rate five to six times higher than non-First Nation youth, and there were 35 reported suicides in First Nations communities in 2003 and 33 reported First Nation suicides in 2004 in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Visioning Committee was established in 2003 as mandated by Resolution May-03.06 to provide support to the Youth Secretariat in taking the lead role in coordination of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Suicide Prevention Initiative and developed a regional protocol and prevention strategy to promote awareness, education and culturally appropriate solutions on suicide prevention for community-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, a Regional Priority Setting Working Group with representation from community front line workers, Tribal Councils, FNIHB, RCMP, INAC, Manitoba Health, and AMC Youth Secretariat by consensus, agreed that the regional efforts on the National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy be carried out by the AMC Youth Secretariat; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Youth Secretariat is mandated by the Manitoba First Nation Youth Council to advocate, network, support, service and promote First Nations youth within Manitoba and many communities request capacity building supports and proposal development to access suicide prevention funding; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly support the continued mandate of the AMC Youth Secretariat to take a regional and national lead in youth suicide prevention initiatives to First Nations youth and work to support community-based First Nations' initiatives; and

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RE: FIRST NATION YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youth Secretariat will provide service that advocates capacity building supports within the communities that includes proposal development to access suicide prevention funding and maintaining communication and coordination strategies.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youth Working Group involve the Tribal Health Coordinators to assist in the strategy development to participate in the Youth Suicide programming.

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RE: LISTEN CAMPAIGN 2006

Moved by:

Chief Terrance Nelson
Roseau River Anishinabe
First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Robert Daniels
Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, *LISTEN Campaign 2006* will broadcast a charity concert scheduled for Madison Square Garden, New York, in August 2006; and

WHEREAS, the *LISTEN Campaign 2006* will select and broadcast to 200 countries (an anticipated audience of 500 million) a two-minute message featuring the voice of a "North American Child" in need; and

WHEREAS, *LISTEN Campaign 2006* has contacted the American Indian Movement (AIM) to find a "North American Child" that represents the theme of their concert for this year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Terrance Nelson, Roseau River, presented information to the Chiefs-in-Assembly outlining the opportunity to promote the North American Child in need be a First Nation child from Winnipeg Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, this represents an opportunity to tell the world of the pandemic of First Nation suicides amongst our youth in Canada; and

WHEREAS, Christina Beardy agreed to participate in the video telling of her 11 year old daughter's tragic suicide that took place in Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support a collective donation of \$20,000.00 to cover the costs to document the Beardy story for submission to the *LISTEN Campaign 2006* as part of an overall strategy to raise the profile of First Nation suicides and Canada's record of inaction; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly commend the organizers of the LISTEN 2006 for contacting AIM and including the message from the North American indigenous people.

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**RE: COMPARATIVE RESEARCH STUDY OF MANITOBA
HYDRO RATES**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Manitoba Hydro holds a monopoly to provide hydro services to all Manitoba communities and Manitoba Hydro also sells hydro to the North American market; and

WHEREAS, the First Nation people entered into a treaty relationship with the crown on the basis of co-existence in our territories; and

WHEREAS, this co-existence meant equality and accessibility to our land and resources, and there appears to be a discrepancy between the hydro rates applied in our First Nation communities compared to off reserve communities in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Grand Chief of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs seek the financial resources to undertake a comparative research study on the fee rating system that is imposed by Manitoba Hydro in First Nation communities versus non-First Nation communities, retroactive to the formation and creation of Manitoba Hydro.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC submit a progress report the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the comparative research study be undertaken to compensate all First Nation communities and First Nation rate payers for any fee discrepancy, including interest, and to include research of other energy source alternatives, such as wind-turbine technology.

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**RE: MATHIAS COLOMB INDIAN BAND SOIL
CONTAMINATION**

Moved by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Cornell Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, between 1952 and 1997, the Catholic Church, Indian Affairs (INAC) and Manitoba Hydro spilled over 300,000 gallons of fuel, on Mathias Colomb Indian Band lands which has affected the health and safety of the people; and

WHEREAS, a toxin remediation company from Alberta estimated the project cost at 30 million for soil remediation and capital replacement costs; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years, INAC has provided only 8 million for soil remediation with no capital replacement costs and has left the remediation project incomplete that continues to create a health hazard to the community lands and peoples health; and

WHEREAS, former students of both schools are filing a class action suit against the Church, INAC and Manitoba Hydro.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that AMC request an inquiry to resolve the soil clean up, capital replacement costs and compensation to all former students of the contaminated areas; and that the AFN Chiefs Committee on the Environment be invited to participate in the inquiry.

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JAN-06.08

**RE: UNIQUE AND DISTINCT STATUS OF DAKOTA (SIOUX)
PEOPLES**

Moved by:

Chief Ken Chalmers
Birdtail Sioux Dakota
Nation

WHEREAS, the Dakota Sioux peoples as nations have a unique and distinct history, culture and language; and

Seconded by:

Chief Billyjo DeLaRonde
Pine Creek First Nation

WHEREAS, the Dakota Sioux peoples have always and continue to govern themselves in accordance with their distinct culture and traditions; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Dakota Sioux peoples have a historical relationship and connection to their traditional territory that is integral to their culture and must be recognized; and

WHEREAS, the traditional territory of the Dakota Sioux peoples include what are now parts of the province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS; the Dakota peoples in Manitoba did not enter into Treaties with the Crown; and

WHEREAS; despite the Dakota Sioux peoples unique history and connection to their traditional territory, Canada has referred to them as "refugees" in Canada; and

WHEREAS; such political positions by Canada are disrespectful and insulting to the Dakota Sioux peoples and are not endorsed by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC reaffirms their respect, support and recognition of the unique and distinct status of the Dakota Sioux peoples.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC fully recognizes the un-extinguished rights of the Dakota Sioux peoples to their traditional governments and territories.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR NEW CASINOS

Moved by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo
Rolling River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has committed to five (5) First Nation owned Casinos in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has allowed the establishment of only two (2) First Nation owned Casinos; and

WHEREAS, Gaming in Manitoba generates \$300 Million a year; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Investment Group of Manitoba owns 51% of the Radisson Hotel located at Portage Avenue and Smith Street in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, First Nations are not accorded the privilege to own and operate a Casino in Winnipeg which has a population-base of approximately 644,000 people; and

WHEREAS, West Region Tribal Chiefs have proposed in establishing a World-Class Entertainment Centre including a Casino in Western Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, The Red Sky Hotel Casino/Resort has identified an International clientele; and

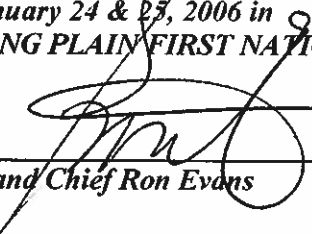
WHEREAS, The Red Sky Hotel/Resort is family and entertainment based.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly support the establishment of a Casino at the Radisson Hotel, owned and operated by all AMC Chiefs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly support the establishment of the Red Sky Hotel Casino/Resort in Western Manitoba as proposed by West Region Tribal Chiefs.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR SANDY BAY OJIBWAY FIRST NATION (SBOFN)
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INNOVATION &
TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (ITC)**

Moved by:

Chief Billyjo DeLaRonde
Pine Creek First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin First
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation submitted a proposal to purchase the Amaranth School from the Turtle River School Division; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2006, the Board of Trustees of Turtle River School Division passed a resolution in support of the aforementioned stating, "...the Public Schools (sic) Finance Board be requested for approval to sell the former Amaranth School to the SBOFN for the sum of one dollar;" and

WHEREAS, SBOFN seeks to pursue and ensure the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual well-being of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the above, SBOFN proposes to establish an *Innovation & Technology Centre* (ITC) where citizens can access administrative, managerial and technological expertise; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with IBM Canada, White Buffalo Spiritual Society and Patal Vocational School, SBOFN's ITC plans to deliver the following programs:

- Cultural life-skills and language renewal and retention;
- Networked computer labs with high speed Internet;
- Computer Instruction;
- Literacy up-grading;
- Entrepreneurship training;
- Partnership with Red River College and other institutions in attaining recognized accreditation;
- Research;
- Virtual classroom platform and video conferencing; and

WHEREAS, The Amaranth School includes a gymnasium, which along with the ITC would contribute to the holistic well-being of SBOFN citizens, including preventive measures in fighting diabetes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly do hereby resolve to provide the necessary support to SBOFN in pursuing an *Innovation & Technology Centre*.

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JAN-06.11

RE: ARTICLE IN NATIONAL POST "FROM KENYA, LESSONS FOR CANADA'S NATIVES" – NOVEMBER 23, 2005

Moved by:

Chief Billyjo DeLaRonde
Pine Creek First Nation

WHEREAS, Mr. David Asper, has written a very misinformed Article "From Kenya, Lessons for Canada's Natives" in the National Post; and

Seconded by:

Chief Ken Chalmers
Birdtail Sioux Dakota
Nation

WHEREAS, this Article can be misconstrued as racist and anti-First Nation; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that other such Articles have been published in the National Post that contravene hate-crime legislation.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to meet with Mr. David Asper; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC seek to make a Presentation before the CRTC at the next Can-West Global application for license; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to consult with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Manitoba and of Canada to investigate whether spreading anti-racist or hatred against a People has occurred and that Mr. David Asper or the National Post be prosecuted if such laws were broken.

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JAN-06.12

**RE: SUPPORT FOR A NEW SCHOOL ON THE BARREN LANDS
FIRST NATION RESERVE**

Moved by:

Chief Archie Halkett,
Barren Lands First Nation

WHEREAS, the Frontier School Division is situated off-reserve and the Town of Brochet school for Nursery to grade 9 (nine) are off-reserve; and

Seconded by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First
Nation

WHEREAS, the Frontier School Division has continuous fuel contamination; unsafe heating and ventilation system; backdraft on the furnace chimneys; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, since the Summer of 2005, funding has been in place for environmental clean-up by Frontier School Division that is limited only to the northern perimeter of the school grounds, and INAC claims the fuel contamination by-passes the school completely; and,

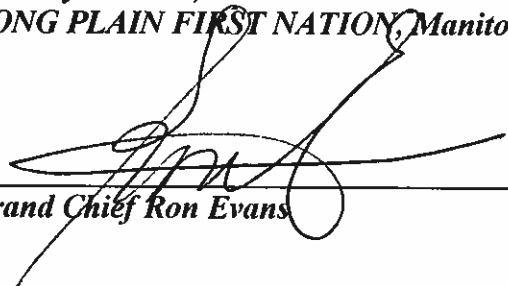
WHEREAS, there is physical evidence identified by the school maintenance staff report of contamination under the school basement; and

WHEREAS, the Frontier School Division's position assumes that the school is now safe and refuses to address all the environmental health hazards that are harmful to the students' health and safety, including black mould dangers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief lobby INAC and other federal departments responsible to schedule a meeting on an urgent basis to address the school contamination issue and support a new school for the Barren Lands First Nation.

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RE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Moved by:

Chief Barry McKay
Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty
Reserve

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) will develop international relationships with indigenous governments and promote indigenous rights and issues within the international community; and

Seconded by:

Chief Tina Leveque
Brokenhead First Nation

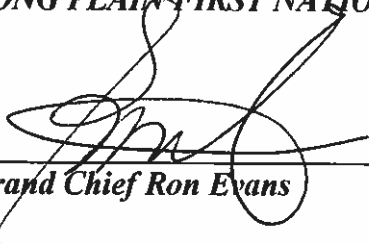
WHEREAS, the AMC will work with indigenous governments for international cooperation and to advocate common interests and agendas.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 5 of the AMC Constitution, the AMC will establish an International Relations Committee of Chiefs to build international relationships for the promotion of the political, economic, spiritual and social advancement of our First Nations people and our Inherent Rights.

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