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GENERAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY**



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**Long Plain First Nation
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ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

JAN-09.01

RE: JURISDICTION OF FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations have a Human Right, Inherent, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights; and

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations people have a Human Right, Treaty Right and an Inherent Right to Education; and

WHEREAS, First Nations people have the right to quality education comparable and equitable to other Canadians; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, jurisdiction and authority for First Nation education resides with individual First Nation governments at the community level; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has a fiduciary responsibility to provide adequate resourcing for the education of First Nations people arising from treaties, historical relationships and the Canadian constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs take all necessary steps to ensure that:

1. The Federal Government fulfills its fiduciary responsibility to provide adequate resourcing for all aspects of First Nation education, while recognizing and respecting that the full jurisdiction of education lies with individual First Nation governments.
2. Any reform of First Nation education must guarantee that full jurisdiction for First Nation education remains with the individual First Nation governments, and that local and community control over education is never relinquished nor compromised.
3. Respect for the spirit and intent of Treaties, Treaty Rights and Inherent Rights of First Nation people must be a foundation for any federal policies regarding First Nation education.
4. Any Provincial government involvement with First Nation education must be based on a clear recognition of First Nations jurisdiction of education and an acknowledgement of the Federal government's fiduciary responsibility for First Nation education.

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Grand Chief Ron Evans

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JAN-09.02

**RE: AMC COUNCIL OF ELDERS – TERMS OF REFERENCE /
PROTOCOL AND CODE OF ETHICS**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Constitution Article 19, provides for the establishment of a Council of Elders; and

Seconded by:

Proxy D'Arcy Linklater
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly by resolution #NOV-03.05 mandated the formal establishment of a Elders Council/Congress of Elders; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly by resolution #NOV-03.05 mandated the formal establishment of a Elders Council/Congress of Elders; and

WHEREAS, since May 2005, the Council of Elders have provided direction and have adopted the Terms of Reference/Protocol; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs in Assembly hereby accept the AMC Council of Elders Terms of Reference/Protocol (Attached to this resolution as Schedule A) and Code of Ethics.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of Elders will abide by the Terms of Reference / Protocol and Traditional Code of Ethics (attached to this resolution as Schedule B).

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Grand Chief Ron Evans

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
COUNCIL OF ELDERS
TERMS OF REFERENCE/PROTOCOL
TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA (TRCM)**

Mandate:

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) has mandated the establishment of a Council of Elders. A Terms of Reference and Protocol have been developed based on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed November 19, 2003 that includes Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and the Dakota Nations (Manitoba).

Purpose:

The purpose of the Council of Elders is to provide advice and guidance to the AMC leadership and Treaty Commissioner in the objectives of the TRCM to honor and respect the sacred Treaties, to identify mutual obligations and benefits of Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and the Dakota Nations to understand the spirit and intent of the Treaties and historical relationships.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Terms of Reference and Protocol of sharing and teachings will guide the Council of Elders in carrying out their roles and responsibilities. The Council will:

1. Serve an advisory role to the TRCM to assist the parties in the MOA objectives in research, public education and discussion tables;
2. Provide advice and guidance to the AMC leadership and Treaty Commissioner on the spirit and intent, understanding and interpretation of the Treaties and international relations of First Nations;
3. Share their knowledge on First Nations oral histories, traditional and spiritual knowledge, cultural teachings, values, laws, ceremonies and protocols of the First Nations at treaty making;
4. Identify the appropriate First Nations protocols to be respected and adhered to by AMC and TRCM;
5. Be informed on the MOA, role of TRCM and Treaty Commissioner Accountability Profile/Terms of Reference and the TRCM Speakers Bureau;
6. Promote the protection and preservation of Creator-given lands, sacred sites, environment, nationhood, sovereignty, spirituality and the use of First Nation languages as key to understanding Treaties, traditions and cultures;
7. Respect other Elders' experiences and expectations based on equality and diversity of each Nation;

8. Provide advice and guidance on AMC's coordination/facilitation role in work plan activities and the development of Treaty-based strategies;
9. Serve as spiritual advisors by conducting or participating in ceremonies for AMC and TRCM; and
10. Abide by the Traditional Code of Ethics (adapted) (Appendix "A").

Accountability:

The Council of Elders will:

1. Maintain a reporting relationship to the Grand Chief, AMC Executive Council of Chiefs and Chiefs in Assembly;
2. Communicate their knowledge, history and teachings of First Nations on Treaties; and
3. Provide updates and involve other Elders at community meetings when required.

Qualities/Knowledge:

Representatives of the Council of Elders will have the following qualities/knowledge:

1. Be an original citizen of the Treaty/area they represent, including the Dakota;
2. Fluency in a First Nation language;
3. A knowledge carrier of First Nations oral history, traditions, teachings, cultures and ceremonies;
4. In-depth knowledge of First Nation world views, protocols, values, lands, livelihood and resources;
5. Respect, honor and recognize the Treaty obligations and benefits as 'living trees' capable of growth and development;
6. Have community-based experiences and Treaty knowledge and inherent rights;
7. Ability to communicate the principles of sharing and the spirit and intent of Treaties by Treaty area for each of the Nations;
8. Ability to make timely and knowledge-based recommendation and decisions; and
9. Understand and carry out the roles and responsibilities in accordance with the Council of Elders Terms of Reference and Protocol.

Representatives:

The Representatives of the Council of Elders are recognized as:

1. Historians and record keepers of First Nations oral teachings and Treaties;
2. Keepers of traditional knowledge in language and spiritual ceremonies;
3. Carriers, teachers and educators of oral histories, languages and traditions;
4. Ceremonial Treaty carriers and keepers;
5. Having a strong commitment to revitalize the sharing principles, spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty-making;
6. Having an understanding of the importance of the spoken First Nations language for nationhood and identity;
7. Having the ability to translate and interpret their understanding of Treaties and historical relationships; and
8. Having a commitment to ensuring the sanctity of living Treaties to be continued in documented form based on First Nation language, teachings, culture and customs.

Term of Office:

Each of the representatives on the Council of Elders shall have a four-year term and be eligible for reappointment.

Vacancy:

When there is a vacancy on the Council of Elders, the Council may recommend names of Treaty knowledge carriers to the AMC Grand Chief for consideration for appointment.

Chairperson:

The Council of Elders shall appoint an official Chairperson and co-Chairperson who shall serve as the official spokesperson for the Council of Elders.

When a Treaty gathering is held in a specific Treaty area, then the Representative for that area shall be the official spokesperson.

All representatives of the Council of Elders shall also have the opportunity to Chair the Council of Elder meetings on a rotational basis.

Quorum:

A quorum for Council of Elders' meeting shall be 50% plus one (5 out of 9 representatives). If a quorum is not achievable, then the Representatives in attendance may meet as a sub-committee to review updates/reports and refer any recommendations to the next duly convened Council of Elders meeting.

Absence:

If a Representative on the Council of Elders misses three consecutive meetings without just cause, then the Council of Elders may recommend replacement of the Representative to the AMC Grand Chief.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held a minimum of four times a year. Meetings will be arranged by the AMC Treaty Relations Coordinator in consultation with the Chairperson and co-Chairperson of the Council of Elders or based on direction from the previous meeting of the Council of Elders.

Consensus:

Recommendations and advice will be determined by a consensus of the Council of Elders after consideration of various options.

TRADITIONAL CODE OF ETHICS (adapted):

1. Each morning upon rising, and each evening before sleeping, give thanks for the life within you and for all life, good things the Creator has given you, and for others for the fortuity to grow a little more each day. Consider your thoughts and actions of the past day, and seek for the courage and strength to be a better person. Seek for the things that will benefit everyone.
2. Respect means, "To feel or to show honor or esteem for someone or something; consider the well being of, or to treat someone or something with deference or courtesy". Showing respect is a basic law of life.
 - Treat every person, from the smallest child to the oldest Elder with respect at all times.
 - Special respect should be given to Elders, Parents, Teachers, and Community Leaders – Avoid profanity in the presence of Elders and others.
 - No person should be made to feel "put down" by you; avoid hurting other hearts as you would avoid a deadly poison.
 - Touch nothing that belongs to someone else (especially Sacred Objects) without permission, or an understanding between you.
 - Respect the privacy of every person. Never intrude on a person's quiet moment or personal space.
 - Never walk between or interrupt people that are conversing.
 - Speak in a soft voice, especially when you are in the presence of Elders, strangers, or others to whom a special respect is due.
 - Do not speak unless invited to do so at gatherings where Elders are present but do not hesitate to ask what is expected of you should you be in doubt.
 - Never criticize others or speak about others in a negative way, whether they are present or not.
 - Treat the earth and all of her aspects as your mother, show deep respect for the mineral, plant, and animal worlds. Do nothing to pollute the air or the soil.
 - If others would destroy our Mother, rise up with wisdom to defend her.
 - Show deep respect for the beliefs and religions of others.
 - Listen with courtesy to what others say, even if you feel that what they are saying is worthless to you. Listen to your heart.
3. Respect the wisdom of people in your Council. Once you give an idea to the committee or meeting, it no longer belongs to you. It belongs to the people.

Respect demands that you listen intently to the ideas of others if they are true and good, even if those ideas are quite different from the ones you have contributed. The clash of ideas brings forth the Spark of Truth.

4. Be truthful at all times, and under all conditions.
5. Always treat your guests with honor and consideration. Give your best food, best blankets, best part of your house, and best service to your guests.
6. The hurt of one is the hurt of all; the honor of one is the honor of all.
7. Receive strangers and outsiders with a loving heart and as members of the human family.
8. All the races and nations in the world are like the different colored flowers of one meadow. All are beautiful. As children of the Creator they must be respected.
9. To serve others, to be of some use to family, community, nation, or world is one of the main purposes for which human beings have been created. Do not fill yourself with your own affairs and do not forget your most important task. True happiness comes only to those who dedicate their lives to the service of others.
10. Observe moderation and balance in all things.
11. Know those things that lead to our well-being, and those things that lead to our destruction.
12. Listen to, and follow the guidance given to your heart. Expect guidance to come in many forms; in prayer, in dreams, in times of quiet solitude, and the words and deeds of wise Elders and friends.
13. Continue to use [the gift of laughter and] humor in dealing with Elders and others.

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ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION
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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

**JAN-09.03
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**RE: CREATING A MANITOBA FIRST NATION HEALTH AND
SOCIAL COMMISSION – HEALTH REFORM PROJECT**

Moved by:

Chief Glen Ross
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Donovan Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, at a Special Chiefs Assembly on Health & Housing on January 25 – 28, 2005, Resolution Jan-05.01 Manitoba First Nations Health & Wellness Strategy, Ten Years and Beyond 2005 was supported and endorsed by the Chiefs in Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Health & Wellness Strategy, Key Action A: Move Towards a More Effective Health Care System – Key Action Area One Health Care System Framework identified research and networking regarding the establishment of a Manitoba First Nations Health and Social Commission to design and implement better coordination of health and social services; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nation citizens and communities have not received the same level of access to health care services, nor comprehensive program resources enjoyed by other Canadians; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of health services and programs to First Nations is fragmented, being left to jurisdictional debate by other governments, resulting in poorer health status of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Creating a Manitoba First Nations Health and Social Commission -Health Reform Project proposal was submitted to First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Ottawa for funding consideration under the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund, Pan-Canadian Envelop and denied funding as a regional First Nation initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Creating a Manitoba First Nations Health and Social Commission - Health Reform Project will develop operational, programming, financing and accountability options and build consensus in three years for the Chiefs in Assembly to move forward in creating a Manitoba First Nation Health and Social Commission; and

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**RE: CREATING A MANITOBA FIRST NATION HEALTH AND
SOCIAL COMMISSION – HEALTH REFORM PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Health and Social Commission (in principle) would be responsible for:

1. Ensuring portability of health benefits under treaty and inherent rights for on/off reserve citizens.
2. Improving coordination between Federal and Provincial health programs and services.
3. Increasing First Nation participation in planning and management of health services with governments and their departments.
4. Promoting First Nation autonomy and control over our lives through exercising First Nation self determination and self government initiatives to restore greater authority over health

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly support and endorse the “Health Reform Project: Creating a Manitoba First Nation Health and Social Commission”.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba First Nations Health and Social Commission - Health Reform proposal be re-submitted along with the Chiefs in Assembly resolution directly to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health for funding.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HISTORICAL RESEARCH
PROJECT ON HEALTH (HTRP-H) – PROTOCOL AND TERMS
OF REFERENCE**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy D'Arcy Linklater
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution MAY-08.01 Political Action Plan on First Nations Health – Draft #5 on May 27, 28 & 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Political Action Plan on First Nations Health- Draft 5 identified 5 Key Plan Action Areas including First Nations Treaty Right to Health Implementation Strategy and the Chiefs-in-Assembly directed the AMC Research and Policy Development – Treaties and Treaty Commissioners office to undertake a historical research project on the Treaty Right to Health; and

WHEREAS, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights are recognized and affirmed under Section 35 in Canada's Constitution Act, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Article 5.3 of the Treaty Relations Commission Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between Canada and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, dated 19 November 2003 mandates that:

Without restricting the mandate of the Treaty Relations Commission or the Commissioner, understanding of Treaty issues that may be explored by the Parties, through oral history, traditional knowledge and archival information, include but not limited to, the following Treaty related issues:

- 5.3.1 *Social issues including: child & family, education, housing & health (emphasis added)*
- 5.3.2 *The inclusion of any subject matter is without prejudice to the respective position of the Parties on the content, scope or existence of any Treaty right or any assertion by a First Nation that they are covered by any existing Treaty.*

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HISTORICAL RESEARCH
PROJECT ON HEALTH (HTRP-H) – PROTOCOL AND TERMS
OF REFERENCE**

WHEREAS, the Protocol and Terms of Reference between the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Treaty Relations Commission will guide and provide for the development of mechanisms, processes, agreement and common understandings specific to the Manitoba First Nations Historical Research Project on Health (HTRP-H); and

WHEREAS, through the Protocol and Terms of Reference, the Parties have expressed their common understanding on the Purpose, Objectives, Guiding Principles, Roles and Responsibilities and Status of Protocol on the HTRP-H.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support and endorse the Manitoba First Nations Historical Research Project on Health (HTRP-H) – Protocol and Terms of Reference.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief and the Treaty Relations Commission to enter into an agreement on the Manitoba First Nations Historical Research Project on Health through the signing of the Protocol and Terms of Reference.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that regular reports be provided to the AMC Chiefs Task Force on Health and Chiefs-in-Assembly on the development of the Historical Treaty Research Project on Health (HTRP-H).

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**RE: HONOURING OUR TREATIES DAY AT THE MANITOBA
LEGISLATURE**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy D'Arcy Linklater
Nisichawayasihk Cree
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Independent Sovereign First Nations entered into pre-confederation treaties amongst ourselves and with other foreign nations and Treaties with the British Crown and that the representatives of the Treaty signatories are the First Nation Chief and Council; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Constitution's mandate is to "promote, preserve and protect Aboriginal and Treaty Rights for First Nations people in Manitoba" in accordance with the principle that "Treaty Rights must be upheld and maintained"; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly by resolution **Mar-01.30** mandated the establishment of a Treaty Relations Commission in Manitoba (TRCM); and

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

WHEREAS, The MOA mandated the AMC and Canada to establish a Treaty Relations Commission to respect and honour the bilateral Treaty relationship between the First Nations and the Crown; and

WHEREAS, The MOA recognizes the Treaty Relations Commission may invite the Province of Manitoba when appropriate and as agreed upon by the Parties; and

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**RE: HONOURING OUR TREATIES DAY AT THE MANITOBA
LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the objectives of an Honouring Our Treaties Day are to:

1. Provide public education for the Province of Manitoba on Treaties and the Treaty relationship;
2. Improve and promote the understanding to the general public on First Nation Treaties;
3. Provide public education for the Province of Manitoba on the important role of First Nations historically and in contemporary society;
4. Promote the importance of the Treaty relationship between First Nations and the Crown;
5. Promote the understanding to the general public on the "spirit and intent" of Treaties;
6. Promote the importance of Treaties in the creation of Canada including Manitoba; and
7. Ensure the Treaties are preserved and implemented for the protection of First Nations children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-In-Assembly and AMC Grand Chief support the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba by ensuring AMC representatives are participants at the political level and technical working group in the development of a Special Day to Honour our Treaties, including our internal treaties, at the Manitoba Legislature.

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JAN-09.06

RE: FIRST NATION EDUCATION DATABASE

Moved by:

Chief Chris Baker
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree
Nation

WHEREAS, Resolution No.2/89 called for the Department of Indian Affairs to “provide resources to set up an ongoing office and necessary personnel for research in this whole area (education database), under the direction of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs”; and

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Executive Council of Chiefs recently discussed the need for a First Nations Education Database to assist with the identification of current challenges and successes in First Nations education; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs does not have access to an accurate database for education as INAC’s nominal roll and post-secondary registry information and Statistics Canada data is often flawed, outdated or inaccurate; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Constitution Article 17(11) mandates support to First Nations, including their Education Authorities in maintaining reliable and accurate statistics on high school and post-secondary participation and graduation rates that can be analyzed to assist with long-term educational planning and identifying future funding requirements; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the continued development and implementation of a First Nations Education Database which incorporates the OCAP principles (ownership, control, access and possession) to be hosted by the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Grand Chief to correspond to all First Nations Chief and Council to encourage all First Nations to provide data to both the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre to be used for long-term strategic planning including communication on First Nations education challenges and successes.

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS POST-SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT
PROGRAM (PSSSP)**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations people have a Human Right, Treaty Right and an Inherent Right to all aspects of Education; and

Seconded by:

Chief Donavan Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

WHEREAS, historical inadequate resourcing for PSSSP has led to high deferrals for eligible First Nations post-secondary students in Manitoba and other parts of Canada; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the federal government has announced that they are reviewing the FNSSP and are considering options for removing the PSSSP program from First Nations and having post-secondary student funding handled through an external agency; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs published a report on Post-Secondary Education entitled *No Higher Priority – Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education in Canada* in February 2007 which called for adequate resourcing for post-secondary education student support by stating, “that the Department make it a priority to provide adequate funding under the PSE Program to every eligible First Nations and Inuit learner and put in place a plan to achieve that priority by the end of 2007, said plan to include implementation measures with clear target dates” and further “ that the Department ensure financial assistance for eligible First Nations and Inuit learners under the Department’s PSE program is based on actual costs incurred for tuition, travel and living expenses and indexed annually to reflect rises in both tuition costs and the cost of living.”; and

WHEREAS, former Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice’s response to the Standing Committee’s report was that, “The Government believes that a concept of shared responsibility must apply in providing support for Aboriginal post secondary education and that this entails exploring the range of resources available from public, institutional, non profit and private sector sources. Thus a learner might seek funding not only from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's post secondary education programs but also from the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP), the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, the Millennium Scholarships and private scholarships, as well as from personal and family sources.”; and

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS POST-SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT
PROGRAM (PSSSP)**

WHEREAS, a study by the Millennium Scholarship Foundation in June 2008 entitled *Factors Affecting The Use of Student Financial Assistance by First Nations Youth* has noted that "many First Nations youth are reluctant to explore other forms of PSE (e.g., provincial or Canada Student Loans, private lines of credit) because they prefer band funding (which is almost entirely grant-based), as opposed to other funding mechanisms that typically involve a repayable component. Often this is related to the recognition among First Nations youth that funding for education is a treaty obligation of the federal government."; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a fiduciary responsibility to provide adequate resourcing for the education of First Nations people arising from treaties, historical relationships and the Canadian constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief convene a meeting with the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Premier of Manitoba and the Cabinet members of the Province of Manitoba outlining the position of the Chiefs in Manitoba that post-secondary education is a treaty right as affirmed in the Canadian constitution and to call for First Nations to retain the PSSSP with additional and adequate resourcing for all eligible First Nations post-secondary students.

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**RE: INAC'S REFORMING FIRST NATION EDUCATION
INITIATIVE**

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Chris Baker
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree
Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Executive Council of Chiefs directed that a Working Group be established in September 2008 to prepare one regional proposal for accessing funds from the Education Reform Initiative based on regional First Nations priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Chuck Strahl, sent out an information package in December 2008 to all Chiefs and Councillors outlining the Federal Government's commitment to reform First Nation education with new investments of \$268 million over five years and \$75 million ongoing in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the student population in First Nations schools in Manitoba represents approximately 20% of the national enrolment in First Nations schools in Canada and the Manitoba region should be eligible for at least 20% of the national funds from this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize that the proposed resourcing is a piece-meal approach for addressing First Nation educational funding requirements since the Band-Operated Funding Formula has been capped at 2% since 1996.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the recommendation of the AMC Executive Council to prepare one regional proposal with continued input from Manitoba First Nations Education Directors on a comprehensive work plan including but not limited to:

- ▶ School Planning (for school improvement)
- ▶ Curriculum and Assessment
- ▶ Enhanced Community-Based and Regional Resources (Needs Assessment/ Inventory)
- ▶ Early Childhood Education
- ▶ First Nations Data Collection/System
- ▶ Performance Measurement

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**RE: INAC'S REFORMING FIRST NATION EDUCATION
INITIATIVE**

- ▶ Student Retention
- ▶ First Nations Language and Culture Curriculum Development
- ▶ A Manitoba First Nations Virtual High School

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief send a letter to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development reminding the Minister that a quality, culturally relevant education is a Treaty and Inherent Right for First Nations people and that the federal government must take immediate steps to provide increased and comparable funding for all First Nations schools in Manitoba.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL BOARD ON
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches
Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs mandated the Social Development Advisors Technical Group (SDATG) through resolution dated March 13, 2002 to address social development issues ensuring bi-lateral processes and decision-making based on First Nations perspectives and consultation; and

WHEREAS, as part of its social policy framework, the government of Canada supports the Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) which provides funding for community-based projects aimed at addressing spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional problems related to family violence; and

WHEREAS, INAC Manitoba Region recognized that strengthened approaches to the Family Violence Prevention Program can be implemented by partnering with First Nations to design, control, and manage the FVPP within Manitoba through the development of a regional board; and

WHEREAS, an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of northern and southern Manitoba First Nations Women's Council of Chiefs, northern and southern Social Development Advisors, a First Nations Shelter Representative, and a First Nations Elder developed a terms of reference in fiscal year 2008/09 for the creation of the Manitoba First Nations Regional board for Family Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, as of 2009/10 the Manitoba First Nations Regional Board for Family Violence Prevention will effectively manage the FVPP for INAC Manitoba Region while reporting to the AMC First Nations Women's Committee which will report to the Chiefs in Assembly on a regular basis.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL BOARD ON
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Manitoba First Nations Regional Board to design, control and manage the FVPP within Manitoba for the First Nations who are in support of this initiative and the respective community members.

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**RE: COMMON ELECTION DAY & STANDARDIZED TERM OF
OFFICE**

Moved by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Skownan First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize the need for a political structure designed to involve Manitoba First Nations leaders in an effective and efficient decision-making process; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the Manitoba First Nation Leadership Council and mandated the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to secure fiscal resources for the Leadership Council by Resolution NOV-07.02; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution MAY-08.06 directing the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs through the AMC Chiefs Governance Table supported by the AMC/INAC Joint Working Group, developed the options for the Common Election Day Concept and presented it to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for review and consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and endorse the Common Election Day and Standard Term of Office concept.

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**RE: COMMON ELECTION DAY & STANDARDIZED TERM OF
OFFICE**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief and the AMC Chiefs Governance Table to:

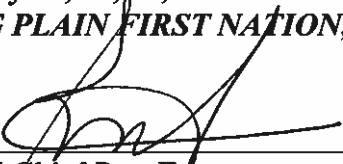
- Notwithstanding other Canadian jurisdictions, develop a Common Election Code that respects the authority and jurisdiction of each First Nation and ensures our inherent right to self-government.
- Work in partnership with the First Nation communities to prepare referenda options for a province-wide referendum with potential timelines to be brought to the next Chiefs in Assembly in September 2009 for deliberation and decision.

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**RE: SIOUX VALLEY DAKOTA NATION – WITHDRAWAL FROM
THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC)**

Moved by:

Chief Donovan Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Article 4.1 Membership, of the Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopted in September 1994 and revised January 24, 2007, states that “All First Nations in Manitoba have the right to seek membership in the AMC. The AMC Secretariat shall maintain a schedule of First Nation Members”; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation has forwarded a declaration of withdrawal from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs effective January 1, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the withdrawal of the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs effective January 1, 2009.

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**RE: DAKOTA PLAINS WAHPETON NATION – WITHDRAWAL
FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC)**

Moved by:

Chief Donovan Fontaine
Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Article 4.1 Membership of the Constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopted in September 1994 and revised January 24, 2007, states that “All First Nations in Manitoba have the right to seek membership in the AMC. The AMC Secretariat shall maintain a schedule of First Nation Members”; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governance of Dakota Plains Wahpeton Nation has forwarded a tribal decree No. 2008-12 giving notice of its withdrawal from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs effective November 13, 2008.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the withdrawal of the Dakota Plains Wahpeton Nation from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs effective November 13, 2008.

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RE: EXPANSION OF DAKOTA OJIBWAY POLICE SERVICE

Moved by:

Chief Ken Chalmers
Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation

WHEREAS, the Dakota Ojibway Police Service has been in existence since 1997 to establish local control and accountable policing to the member First Nations of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council; and

Seconded by:

Chief Russell Beaulieu
Sandy Bay First Nation

WHEREAS, in December 1994, a long-term Tripartite Agreement was entered into and finalized on February 1, 1995, wherein the Dakota Ojibway Police Service resumed full-time policing to six (6) of its member First Nations communities; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the original Tripartite Agreement was for a five-year period with a three-phase implementation plan to the point in April 1997 where the Dakota Ojibway Police Service became a stand alone police service; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Ojibway Police Service continues to provide quality and professional police services to this day and has pursued expansion of its services both internally and to other First Nations within the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, there is been continued resistance from Canada and the Province of Manitoba to expand the Dakota Ojibway Police Service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs in Assembly do hereby support the continuation of the Dakota Ojibway Police Service.

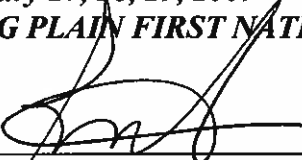
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs in Assembly provides political support to the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council in expanding its police services both internally and to other First Nations within the Province of Manitoba.

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JAN-09.14

RE: FIRST NATIONS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, Statistics Canada has stated that First Nations in Manitoba have the lowest high school completion rates in Canada; and

Seconded by:

Chief George Neepin
Fox Lake Cree Nation

WHEREAS, Yellowquill College and Adult Education Centres in Manitoba have successfully increased the high school completion rates of First Nations adult learners; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there are concerns that funding for the Adult Education programs may be discontinued by the Provincial government; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly direct AMC Grand Chief to attend a meeting with the Minister Diane McGifford of the Province of Manitoba on February 27, 2009 to seek financial support for the continuation of Adult Education Programs for First Nation learners.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a report on the status of this program be provided at the next Chiefs Assembly.

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RE: PROTECTION OF TREATY RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Moved by:

Proxy D'Arcy Linklater
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

WHEREAS, Section 88 of the Indian Act states that provincial laws of 'general application' may apply to First Nations; and

Seconded by:

Chief George Neepin
Fox Lake Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the funding agreements for First Nations education outline an expectation for First Nations to follow provincial curriculum guidelines; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations are increasingly concerned with the potential for further provincial encroachment on First Nations jurisdiction, control and authority; and

WHEREAS, First Nation education is a federal fiduciary responsibility arising from the First Nations-Crown Treaties and that the Treaties do not delegate authority on education to the Province and as such First Nation education is not a responsibility of the Province; and

WHEREAS, new mechanisms are required to recognize First Nations control and authority over education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly directs the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to examine options for ensuring the protection of First Nations education based on the First Nations-Crown Treaties.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs examine whether legislation or other mechanisms could ensure that the First Nations right to education is protected from provincial encroachment.

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JAN-09.16

RE: CHIEFS COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moved by:

Chief David McDougall
St. Theresa Point First Nation

WHEREAS, Economic Development is of vital importance to Manitoba First Nations; and

Seconded by:

Chief Wilfred McKay
Rolling River First Nation

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is seeking to change its approach to Aboriginal Economic Development through the development of an Aboriginal framework which may have a detrimental effect upon the economies of Manitoba First Nations; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly maintain that any approach must be First Nations specific and not 'Pan Aboriginal' in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly continue to support the efforts of the Manitoba Economic Development Advisory Committee (MEDAC).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly appoint a Chief's Committee on Economic Development to uphold the government to government relationship between the First Nations and the Crown based on the Treaties and Inherent Right, whose purpose will be:

- To advocate the position of Manitoba First Nations and that the Terms of Reference to be developed and approved by the Chiefs in Assembly.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that there are to be four members on this Committee and those members be selected by the Chiefs in Assembly.

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RE: GAMING NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Moved by:

Chief George Neepin
Fox Lake Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly passed Motion Nov-07.10 to support a Casino owned by all First Nations in Manitoba; and

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Skownan First Nation

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly passed Motion May-08.10 to approve a Site Selection Process for a New Casino Owned by all Manitoba First Nations in Southwestern Manitoba; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, a new company will be developed to own the Casino which will be referred to as NEWCO; and

WHEREAS, a site was selected in the RM of Elton jointly owned by Keeseekowenin First Nation, Waywayseecappo First Nation and Rolling River First Nation (the host First Nations); and

WHEREAS, any delay or lack of unity can and will have an impact upon the viability and existence of the South West Region Casino.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly resolve to create a Gaming Negotiating Committee which will be duly empowered to seek agreement between the host First Nations and AMC on all matters related to Site Acquisition.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the composition of the Gaming Negotiating Committee will be two Chiefs, a technician and legal counsel (from each party).

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RE: GAMING NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Chief Chris Baker, Chief David Crate, Rob Ballantyne (AMC Technician) and supported by legal counsel where appropriate, shall represent the interests of the Chiefs in Assembly as members of the Gaming Negotiating Committee.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that time is of the essence and the parties will negotiate in good faith and have the matter resolved no later than February 26, 2009.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that matters to be negotiated is an Agreement in Principle for the criteria set forth in the Site Selection Process.

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**RE: POLITICAL ACTION PLAN ON FIRST NATIONS HEALTH:
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs in Assembly passed the AMC Political Action Plan on First Nations Health – Draft #5” Resolution #MAY-08.01 in May, 2008 at the Opaskwayak Cree Nation; and

Seconded by:

Chief Derek Nepinak
Pine Creek Anishinabe Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations people continue to experience health crises that are not being met by the current health care system and creating a state of emergency for all First Nations citizens; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations continue to experience a lack of proper health care and services due to a lack of health personnel and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations are subjected to differential treatment due to jurisdictional impediments; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for strong political action and lobbying efforts to deal with the health crisis of First Nations People in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Chiefs Task Force on Health include in the “Political Action Plan on First Nations Health – Draft 5” a plan of action to seek capital funds for state of the art health facilities for First Nations communities.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CONFERENCE AND OTHER AWARENESS EFFORTS**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations cultures recognize that children and women are sacred, and as such, must be protected; and

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, poverty, cultural oppression and other factors have resulted in First Nations children, youth and women being the most vulnerable to human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation in Winnipeg, across networks in western Canadian cities, and into the United States and elsewhere; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there is no comprehensive First Nations, Provincial or Federal Strategy to help prevent human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) is working with MP Joy Smith (Kildonan-St.Paul) and others to raise awareness of this issue, and to engage First Nations, provincial and federal leadership, youth, policing agencies, victims and others;, in developing a strategy on First Nations Human Trafficking in May/June 2009 Conference in Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the 2009 First Nations Human Trafficking Conference.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR FIRST NATIONS HUMAN TRAFFICKING
CONFERENCE AND OTHER AWARENESS EFFORTS**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to focus its strategy development on: (a) the youth and women First Nations population visiting, moving to, or living in, Winnipeg and other urban centres, and (b) further awareness campaign activities, including utilizing First Nations and Aboriginal media such as NCI FM and Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly encourage all First Nations communities to undertake their own awareness activities to help prevent more children, youth and women from becoming victims of human trafficking.

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**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CASINO IN SOUTHWESTERN
MANITOBA OWNED BY ALL MANITOBA FIRST
NATIONS**

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Francine Meeches
Swan Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Gaming Committee has been working with the Joint Manitoba/ AMC Gaming Steering committee (Joint Steering Committee), on the goal of attaining more revenues for all Manitoba First Nations from the Gaming Industry; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Steering Committee has recommended the development of a new First Nation owned Casino in Southwestern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Steering Committee established a Site Selection Committee to determine the location of the new Casino in Southwestern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation, Rolling River First Nation and Waywayseecappo First Nation jointly acquired a strategic land base located just north of the City of Brandon in the Rural Municipality of Elton; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling River First Nation will seek to have the Lands set apart as "reserve" under the terms of the Manitoba Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement dated May 29, 1997 and the Rolling River First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement dated February 6, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Site Selection Committee selected a joint site proposal from the Development First Nations for the new Casino to be located on lands just north of the City of Brandon in the Rural Municipality of Elton; and

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**RE: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CASINO IN SOUTHWESTERN
MANITOBA OWNED BY ALL MANITOBA FIRST
NATIONS**

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee and the three Development First Nations have entered into discussions for the purpose of facilitating the development and operation of the new First Nation owned casino on lands located just north of the City of Brandon in the Municipality of Elton.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee and direct them and the AMC Secretariat to work with the three Development First Nations to develop a new First Nation owned casino on lands located just north of the City of Brandon in the Rural Municipality of Elton that will be owned by 61 Manitoba First Nations and the three Development First Nations with the profits from the new casino to be shared accordingly by all Manitoba First Nations.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee and direct them and the AMC Secretariat to work with the three Development First Nation communities to structure, plan, and execute an arrangement that maximizes investment opportunities, profit, employment, contracting, training and technology, and management for all Manitoba First Nations and their members.

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JAN-09.21

**RE: AMC CONSTITUTION MANDATE - RESOURCE-BASED
AGENDA**

Moved by:

Chief Terry Nelson
Roseau River Anishinabe
Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations are the original owners and protectors of these lands and territories; and

Seconded by:

Proxy Rod Traverse
Kinonjeoshtegon First
Nation

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly passed two resolutions: Resolution No. 39/89 "Regaining Control of Natural Resources" mandating AMC to pursue natural resources as a top economic development priority in the form of resource-revenue sharing and Resolution Nov-03-06 "First Nation Natural Resources" for accessing natural resources revenue; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, AMC's Constitution in pursuit of the IDEALS articulated in Article 1, provides for PRINCIPLES in Article 2 to uphold those Ideals and Principles including Section 3 which states that:

"We recognize and accept that First Nations have an inherent and fundamental relationship with the land and natural environment. First Nations assert that this relationship and the rights thereto include rights to lands, resources and jurisdictions over our traditional territories."; and

WHEREAS, non-First Nations corporations have benefited and the Province of Manitoba through the extraction of billions of dollars from the natural resources of our traditional lands and territories; and

WHEREAS, the position of First Nations Chiefs in Manitoba is that AMC's priorities and strategies must include a resource-based agenda.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Constitution be amended to include a specific provision to uphold a resource-based agenda to protect the Treaty and Inherent rights and interests of current and future generations of First Nation citizens.

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA ON
RIGHT TO PROPERTY / NATURAL RESOURCES**

Moved by:

Chief Terry Nelson
Roseau River Anishinabe
Nation

WHEREAS, the United States of America (United States) President Barrack Obama will be meeting with Prime Minister Harper on February 19, 2009 in Ottawa; and

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Meeches
Long Plain First Nation

WHEREAS, trade between Canada and the United States averages 1.7 billion dollars each day; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in September 2008 Canada exported an average of 2.364 million barrels of oil per day to the United States and 65% more oil per day than Saudi Arabia; and

WHEREAS, Canada omitted the right to property in its Charter of Rights & Freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the United States recognizes the right to property in its Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 at the international level Canada voted against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS, Canada makes no payment and will not recognize First Nations Indigenous people's right to royalties on resource extractions from the lands and traditional territories of the original owners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the First Nations Peoples welcome President Barrack Obama to our lands and territories.

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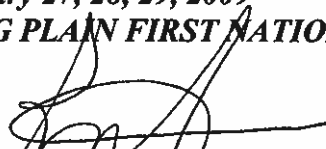
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**RE: FIRST NATIONS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA ON
RIGHT TO PROPERTY / NATURAL RESOURCES**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs with its member First Nations send a message to United States President Barrack Obama that the United States, is the receiver of the majority of Canadian resource exports and to bring up this issue of Canadian Indigenous Peoples Right to Property including natural resources in his discussion with Prime Minister Harper on February 19, 2009.

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**RE: THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY AND
LEADERSHIP OF THE SOUTHERN FIRST NATION
NETWORK OF CARE FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF
MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) TO THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS
ORGANIZATION (SCO)**

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Chris Baker
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, AMC acknowledges the delivery of child and family services and programs to First Nations people within Manitoba must occur in a manner which respects their unique status, as well as their cultural and linguistic heritage; and

WHEREAS, the SCO passed a resolution in 2008 to support the transfer of the CFS – Southern Authority from AMC to SCO; and

WHEREAS, that AMC wishes to support the objectives of enactment of the C.C.S.M. c.C90 The Child and Family Services Authority Act (Assented to August 9, 2002) and encourages the southern First Nation communities to take an active and responsible role in the safety, security and well-being of children and families. Further recognizing the parents, families, extended families and communities have a right and a responsibility to care for their children and a right to receive preventive and supportive services directed to preserving the family unit; the development and delivery of programs and services to Southern First Nations must respect the values, beliefs, customs and traditional communities and recognize the role of women in making decisions affecting family and community; it is important to recognize peoples' needs and preferences in all aspects of the management and delivery of child and family services, including preferences based on ethnic, spiritual, linguistic, familial and cultural factors; and

WHEREAS, the family is sacred and the first resource for the well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, AMC is aware and acknowledges that the Southern First Nations people have a right to influence the delivery of child and family services and programs for their respective First Nation community members; and

**ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS
GENERAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION
JANUARY 27, 28, 29, 2009**

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

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RE: THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP OF THE SOUTHERN FIRST NATION NETWORK OF CARE FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS (AMC) TO THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATION (SCO)

WHEREAS, that AMC acknowledges that a "common process" of mandated child and family services agencies among SCO, MMF, MKIO and the Province of Manitoba is an essential strategy and is necessary for collaboration, cooperation, and coordination that will be required to achieve efficient and sustainable child and family service objectives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AMC agrees to inform all parties immediately of the transfer of Leadership and Responsibility of the Southern First Nation Network of Care to the Southern Chiefs Organization effective January 28, 2009.

CERTIFIED COPY
*of a resolution adopted on
January 27, 28, 29, 2009
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION, Manitoba*



Grand Chief Ron Evans