

# ***ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS***

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**ECONOMIC SUMMIT '92  
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**MARLBOROUGH INN, Winnipeg**

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**JUN.92-01**

Moved By:

Chief Sidney Garrioch  
CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe  
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

Against:

Chief Francis Flett  
THE PAS FIRST NATION

Abstention:

Councillor Raymond Sinclair  
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: WINNIPEG FIRST NATIONS TRIBAL COUNCIL**

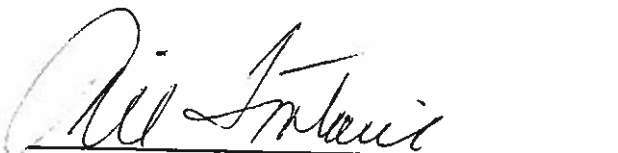
**WHEREAS**, the First Nations people of Winnipeg have expressed interest in establishing a formal relationship with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs through the formation of a Tribal Council;

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs of Manitoba wish to develop greater unity and mutual support between First Nation people living off the reserves;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorse the Winnipeg First Nations Tribal Council;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Winnipeg First Nations Tribal Council become a member of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs with full privileges to attend and vote at all Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs meetings including membership in all Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Committees.

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Moved By:

Chief Allan Ross  
NORWAY HOUSE  
FIRST NATION

**RE: INDIAN & NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA NORTHERN FLOOD AGREEMENT**

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Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett  
THE PAS FIRST NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Flood Agreement was signed by Canada, Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro and the Northern Flood Committee in 1977 and ratified by the communities in 1978;

**WHEREAS**, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry in its 1991 Report states that the Northern Flood Agreement is a modern Treaty within the meaning of section 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 and as such has constitutional protection;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Flood Agreement confirms that Canada has special obligations under the agreement, in addition to its fiduciary obligation to all Indian people in Canada, to ensure that the rights of Indian people in Canada, to ensure that the rights of Indian people under the Agreement are adequately protected and maintain the Sacred Trust;

**WHEREAS**, Canada has failed to act in its fiduciary capacity in respect of the Northern Flood Agreement First Nations and has instead actively participated in and encouraged comprehensive settlements by the Northern Flood First Nations of the Northern Flood Agreement and their rights thereunder;

**WHEREAS**, Richard Van Loon, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has advised the Northern Flood Committee that Canada's goal is to reach comprehensive settlements with all Northern Flood First Nations and limits and ceilings used in previous settlements would restrict other Nations in meaningful discussions;

**WHEREAS**, Canada's actions in so doing are offensive to and disrespectful of the rights of the remaining Northern Flood First Nations and seek to severely limit or extinguish the Treaty rights of those First Nations under the Northern Flood Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the remaining Northern Flood Nations strongly object to this type of intimidation and coercion and demand that Canada and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs maintain, respect and implement their fiduciary duty and obligations to First Nations and to desist from any breach of their fiduciary duty;

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AGREEMENT**

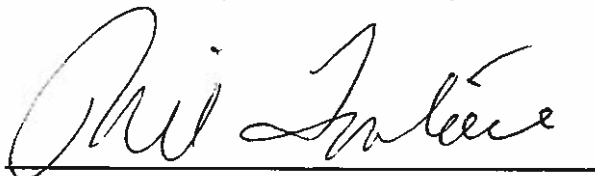
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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls upon Canada to immediately recognize the Northern Flood Agreement as a modern Treaty protected under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls upon Canada and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to cease and desist from any and all actions which do or will threaten the integrity of the Northern Flood Agreement or seek to limit or extinguish the rights of Indian people thereunder and to actively and immediately implement it according to its spirit and intent;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs calls upon the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to provide adequate resources, financial and otherwise, to the Northern Flood Committee and its member First Nations to permit them to pursue full and fair implementation of the Northern Flood Agreement in a timely way.

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**JUN.92-03**

Moved By:

Chief Robert Wavey  
FOX LAKE FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER  
FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL  
AND SECRETARIAT**

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**WHEREAS**, a variety of poorly coordinated federal economic development and labour market training policies are shaping the development context of First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that First Nations assume policy control in shaping their own economic future;

**WHEREAS**, economic self-determination can be facilitated and supported through the formation of a Manitoba First Nations Economic Advisory Council and Secretariat;

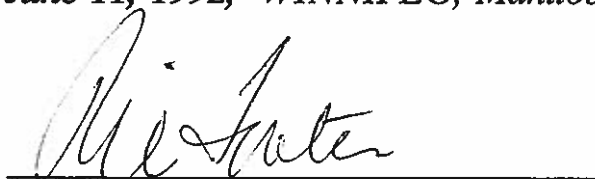
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Economic Development is mandated to oversee the formation and resourcing of a Manitoba First Nations Economic Advisory Council and Secretariat;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the needs of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the First Nations will drive the functions and financing of the Manitoba First Nations Economic Advisory Council and Secretariat;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Advisory Council be comprised of Tribal Council and Independent First Nation representatives as confirmed by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development present the model proposed, at the next Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs for ratification.

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Moved By:

Chief Lawrence Henry  
ROSEAU RIVER FIRST  
NATION

**RE: GAMING (ROSEAU RIVER FIRST NATION)**

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation is a party to Treaty No. 1:

Seconded by:

Chief Frank Abraham  
LITTLE BLACK RIVER  
FIRST NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation governing institutions are established under Band custom, whereby the form and nature of our government has its basis on the traditional customs, values, and practices of the Anishinabe Nation;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation has enacted various legislation as prescribed by Band custom;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada in recognition of Band custom have by Order-in-Council recognized the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation Election Act, which sets the legal and lawful parameters of determining the form and nature of Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation Government;

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation has enacted the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation Gaming Act for the legal and lawful control and regulation of gaming on the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation;

**WHEREAS**, various statutes and laws of Canada are silent as they impact on First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, certain laws, regulations and interpretations are applied to the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation by external forces to the detriment of the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs was established to pursue and effectively deal with common First Nation concerns through their political agendas;

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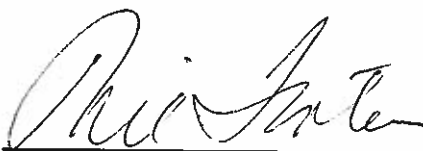
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**RE: GAMING (ROSEAU RIVER FIRST NATION)**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation in acquiring an Order-in-Council in recognition of its' Gaming Act, thereby giving it legal effect;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs pursue with the Government of Canada for amendments to the Criminal Code respecting First Nations' jurisdiction on gaming.

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**JUN.92-05**

Moved By:

Chief Sidney Garrioch  
CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine  
SAGKEENG FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: CANADIAN INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs affirm that First Nations have jurisdiction over gaming on their lands;

**WHEREAS**, the Canadian Indian Gaming Association was established as a non-profit organization to promote, enhance, protect and preserve a gaming industry as an economic self sufficiency initiative for First Nations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the principles of the Canadian Indian Gaming Association;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that notwithstanding that First Nations have the inherent right to be self-governing and to develop their own laws, that Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support interim federal legislation to regulate gaming that would take provincial governments out of the gaming jurisdiction;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the federal legislation is inconsistent with First Nations' gaming laws, then First Nation laws would be paramount in First Nation jurisdictions.

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Moved By:

Chief Allan Ross  
NORWAY HOUSE  
FIRST NATION

**RE: GAMING AND TAXATION**

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Seconded by:

Chief Ron Cook  
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Crown has entered into Treaties with First Nations in Canada;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has delegated authority to the Provinces for the operation of gaming activities;

**WHEREAS**, Canada has recognized and affirmed existing Treaty and Aboriginal rights in Canada through Sec. 35 (1) of the Constitution Act;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations in Manitoba have experienced difficulties with the Provincial Government's role and that of the Federal Government;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has previously authorized action on taxation which action has been reaffirmed;

**WHEREAS**, The Pas First Nation has an existing By-law on gaming approved by the Minister of Indian Affairs;

**WHEREAS**, some First Nations have been forced to enter into interim agreements with the Province but without prejudice to the enforcement of their Aboriginal, treaty, constitutional or legal rights;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs establish a defence fund from all First Nations to protect our rights in the gaming and taxation issues;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Jack R. London, QC be appointed as counsel to fight First Nations court cases dealing with gaming and taxation;

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that court cases be selected on the advice of counsel to be fought in court to establish our rights;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that no action shall be taken with regard to any existing interim arrangements between First Nations and the Province;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that mechanisms be established to inform the public on First Nations issues;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a meeting be set up with the Attorney General to discuss the gaming and taxation issues;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Attorney General be instructed:

- a) to drop all charges and proceedings against individuals of First Nations in the light of self-government negotiations;
- b) to allow all gaming activities to continue in First Nations communities without provincial or police harassment or charges being laid.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs request the Assembly of First Nations' support in Fredericton on June 22 - 25 in the light of these issues being national issues.

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**JUN.92-07**

Moved By:

Chief Sidney Garrioch  
CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Alex Ouskan  
WAR LAKE FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that any status Indian receiving unemployment insurance benefits on a reserve does not have to pay income tax on those benefits (Glenn Williams v. Minister of National Revenue);

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility for new directives on this issue lies with Revenue Canada Taxation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct Revenue Canada Taxation to send a directive to Employment and Immigration Canada so there is no tax deducted from unemployment insurance benefits received by status Indians on reserves;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all taxes paid by First Nation citizens on unemployment insurance benefits be refunded retroactively to these individuals.

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**JUN.92-08**

Moved By:

Chief Jerry Fontaine  
SAGKEENG FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak  
WATERHEN FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: TOBACCO TAX**

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**WHEREAS**, a member of Sagkeeng First Nation is presently charged with failing to collect tobacco tax for the provincial government and distributing tobacco products without a licence;

**WHEREAS**, the court case has the potential of reaching the Supreme Court of Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs provide some financial assistance in terms of legal fees and court costs provided it does not detract from resolution AUG.91-4.4 that was passed by the Chiefs in Assembly on August 30, 1991.

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**JUN.92-09**

Moved By:

Chief Rod Bushie  
HOLLOW WATER  
FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Geordie Little  
GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: NORWIN CONSTRUCTION FIRM**

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**WHEREAS**, the Norwin Construction Company is a First Nation owned company where shareholders are ten First Nations located in the northeastern region of Manitoba;

**WHEREAS**, the mandate of the First Nation owned construction company is to build and maintain a cost-efficient winter road system for the benefit of their membership;

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal resources that is available to First Nations in their capital allocation is already inadequate;

**WHEREAS**, the board of directors of the Norwin Construction Company passed a resolution #92-001 at a yearly duly convened meeting of May 14th, 1992 at the Buffalo Point First Nation;

**WHEREAS**, this resolution instructs the Department of Indian Affairs to secure new fiscal resources and that these new resources not impact on the existing capital allocations of the First Nation governments;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs' Economic Summit '92 support the Board of the Norwin Construction's position that the fiscal resources for the building and maintenance of the winter road system not affect the existing capital allocation of the First Nation governments.

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**JUN.92-10**

Moved By:

Chief Ron Cook  
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Charles Audy  
INDIAN BIRCH FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: RESTRUCTURING OF REPAP MANITOBA**

**WHEREAS**, REPAP Manitoba has requested that the government of Manitoba enter into negotiations to restructure the REPAP Sale Purchase Agreement and Forest Management Licence;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations within the present REPAP Forest Management Licence Area have taken steps to protect the lands and resources within traditional territories and to protect the right to select outstanding Treaty land entitlement and these actions in part led to the request by REPAP to renegotiate its agreements with the government of Manitoba;

**WHEREAS**, the government of Manitoba has accepted the request by REPAP on the condition that REPAP commit itself to an "attempt to resolve resource issues with aboriginal Manitobans";

**WHEREAS**, the governments of Manitoba and Canada - not REPAP - have the fiduciary obligation to ensure that the rights and interests of First Nations are protected in the terms of any agreements and licences entered into with REPAP Manitoba;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the governments of Manitoba and Canada must ensure that all Manitoba First Nations affected by the operations of REPAP Manitoba are directly and fully involved in the negotiations process;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs ensure that any new arrangement with REPAP Manitoba be subject to the consent of each of the Manitoba First Nations affected by the terms and conditions of the new agreements and licences;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs ensure all rights are protected and economic environmental benefits are extended to the First Nations affected.

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**JUN.92-11**

Moved By:

Chief Harvey Nepinak  
WATERHEN FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe  
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: SARGENT THOMAS GEORGE PRINCE**

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**WHEREAS**, Sargent Thomas George Prince was recommended to receive the Croix de Guerre from France by the leader of the French group;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendation never reached General De Gaulle;


**WHEREAS**, the First Special Force was sent to serve in France with the Seventh Army in 1944;

**WHEREAS**, Sargent Prince and a Private went on reconnaissance behind enemy lines to scout out the number and placement of the German Army;

**WHEREAS**, on the way back they discovered a group of Germans fighting French partisans and proceeded to sniper fire and caused the Germans to withdraw;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that we support the Prince family in their effort to secure the Croix de Guerre from France in recognition of his heroic deed in assistance of the French.

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**JUN.92-12**

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe  
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Jerry Fontaine  
SAGKEENG FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: FIRST NATIONS GAMING COMMISSION**

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**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs passed resolution no. AUG.13/88 endorsing a First Nations Gaming Commission;

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations of Manitoba have expressed various concerns regarding the Provincial Government's role in enforcing the Criminal Code on reserves with respect to gaming activities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs Economic Development Committee shall oversee the establishment of a First Nations Gaming Commission to assume the following responsibilities:

- a) to conduct research into all legal and political matters with respect to gaming activities on reserve;
- b) to set up a negotiations process with the Federal Government;
- c) to define a plan of action for First Nations in Manitoba with respect to gaming;
- d) to organize a 2 - 3 day workshop on gaming for First Nations in Manitoba.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Provincial Government of Manitoba be instructed:

- a) to drop or stay all charges and proceedings against individuals of First Nations;
- b) to place a moratorium on any further charges against First Nations individuals in the light of negotiations with the Federal Government.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the First Nations Gaming Commission will operate without prejudice to existing First Nations' Gaming Commissions.

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**JUN.92-13**

Moved By:

Chief Charles Audy  
INDIAN BIRCH FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Ron Cook  
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: TREATY LAND CLAIMS ENTITLEMENTS**

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**WHEREAS**, the government of Manitoba has issued timber cutting permits to REPAP Manitoba and private loggers within the Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest;

**WHEREAS**, the government of Manitoba has created a Provincial Park from the area of the Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest;

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Birch and Shoal River First Nations have outstanding Treaty Land Entitlement selections, traditional land use areas, burial sites and community sites within Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest/ Provincial Park area;

**WHEREAS**, the allocation of timber cutting permits and the creation of a Provincial Park serve to reduce the lands available for Treaty Land Entitlement selections and traditional uses by the Indian Birch and Shoal River First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the governments of Manitoba and Canada have the fiduciary obligation to ensure that the rights and interests of the Indian Birch and Shoal River First Nations are protected within the territories now called the Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest/ Provincial Park;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs strongly opposes such disregard for First Nations land claims entitlements, land selection processes and the First Nations' traditional land use areas;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governments of Manitoba and Canada must ensure that the Indian Birch and Shoal River First Nations are directly and fully involved in any process related to land and resource allocations in the Swan Pelican Provincial Forest area, including the creation of a provincial park;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that further land and resource allocations within the Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest area be subject to the consent of the Indian Birch and Shoal River First Nations.

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**JUN.92-14**

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe  
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

Seconded by:

Chief Francis Flett  
THE PAS FIRST NATION

**CARRIED**

**RE: RECOGNITION OF MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF NATIVE FIRE FIGHTERS INCORPORATED**

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**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters Inc. is a group of First Nation fire officials of various reserves in Manitoba, incorporated in March of 1991, to address the needs of on-reserve Fire Services;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters Inc. will consist of First Nation fire officials from various reserves in Manitoba, elected at an annual Native Fire Chiefs Meeting, and membership consisting of Fire Officials from all of Manitoba First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters Inc. purposes to establish a standardized associated body of First Nation fire officials to improve conditions of fire prevention, fire suppression training and all aspects of fire department organization;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for such an organization to address the needs of present fire conditions on most First Nation communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters Incorporated and their efforts to meet the needs of First Nation peoples;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs work in conjunction with the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters Inc. to secure direct funding arrangements with Canada and Manitoba for First Nations' control of fire fighting both on and off-reserve;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the fiscal resources for this initiative be new funding and that this will not affect the fire fighting programs that are in existence at various First Nations.

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Moved By:

Councillor Charles Tom  
FORT CHURCHILL FIRST  
NATION

**RE: FIRST NATIONS LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND  
PROTECTORS OF MOTHER EARTH**

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Seconded by:

Chief Ron Cook  
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

**WHEREAS**, the Indigenous People of Canada have an inherent right to Sovereignty, which was never ceded;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Quebec has no legal basis for criminalizing our People for preparing to defend their homeland;

**CARRIED**

**WHEREAS**, the Canadian and Provincial Governments have made no provision for recognizing and dealing with Indigenous People on a Nation to Nation basis;

**WHEREAS**, the legal systems of this continent cloud very real issues, minimizing the political statements of our actions by criminalizing the people involved and bypassing the real reasons for these actions;

**WHEREAS**, the defenders of the land at Keely Lake (Highway 155 at Hay River turn off) in Saskatchewan is directly related to resolutions 10 to 15 put to the floor today;

**WHEREAS**, we are not Canadians, but members of First Nations, each in our own areas;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in agreement with the 1992 Elders and Traditional People's Gathering who endorsed the actions taken by the people who stood behind the barricades at Kanesatake in 1990, and demand that the people of Canada enforce justice by dealing with the defenders of the Mohawk Territory on a Nation to Nation basis, and recognize the fact that Europeans have established their claim to this land through criminal action, and genocide throughout North America;

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**RE: FIRST NATIONS LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND  
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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we endorse the Akwewe Defence Committee and will make that statement in writing to the Coordinators of that Committee;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that defence of our homeland cannot be deemed as a criminal action and should not be dealt with in criminal court;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopt, endorse and address the above statements in this resolution and further that Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the First Nations Liberation Movement in this endeavour with financial assistance;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governments of Manitoba and Canada must ensure that the Indian Birch and Shoal River, Meadow Lake, Isle La Crosse, La Ronge First Nations are directly and fully involved in any process related to land and resource allocations in the Swan Pelican Provincial Forest, the illegally abused lands in Northern Indigenous territories recognized as Saskatchewan.

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on  
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*Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief*