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RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HEALTH RENEWAL STRATEGY

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, to address that we never gave up our inherent right to govern ourselves, inherent right to be self-determining to self-governance, Health is all encompassing;

Seconded by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, the Crown now represented by the Federal Government of Canada recognized First Nation People as Nations through *The Royal Proclamation* of 1763;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, *Wahbung: Our Tomorrows* (1971) strived to uphold Article 1 of the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, that states “All peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development”;

WHEREAS, *Wahbung* recognizes that, “There can be no delegation of authority or responsibility by the federal state to the province without our consent. There can be no deviation or alteration in this relationship without mutual consent. The Indian people enjoy “special status” conferred by recognition of our historic title that cannot be impaired, altered or compromised by federal-provincial collusion or consent. We regard this relationship as sacred and inviolate”;

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly adopted the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* which is an international standard and serves to uphold the rights of First Nations as Indigenous Peoples with the right to self-determination, including equitable access to comparable services and resources, and equitable treatment in all aspects of cultural, economic, political, and social prosperity;

WHEREAS, Canada’s federal government assumed legislative responsibility by way of s.91(24) for “Indians, and Lands reserved for Indians by way of the *Constitution Act*, 1867; and provincial governments assumed jurisdiction of the “Establishment of Hospitals, Asylums, Charities, and Eleemosynary Institutions in and for the Province, other than Marine Hospitals”; by way of Section 92 of the *Constitution Act*, 1867;

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS HEALTH RENEWAL STRATEGY
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WHEREAS, the distribution of powers to the federal and provincial legislative bodies lacks clarity over Health jurisdiction as it relates to First Nations People and there is no clear legislative base for providing comprehensive health services specifically for First Nations People;

WHEREAS, section 35 of *The Constitution Act*, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights;

WHEREAS, various reports including the *Royal Commission on Aboriginal People*, the *Romanow Report* and the Auditor General of Canada recommend forging new alternative arrangements that are more accountable and effective in the delivery of health services to First Nations people;

WHEREAS, the *Political Unity Accord on First Nations Health* endorsed by the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly in February 2012 directed the development of a Health Renewal Strategy and a commitment from the parties to advance the Renewal Strategy through negotiations with the federal and provincial governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Manitoba First Nations Health Renewal Strategy and direct the AMC Grand Chief to secure funding to commence activities required to begin implementing the Key Action Areas and Opportunities as set out in the Manitoba First Nations Health Renewal Strategy.

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**RE: SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A FIRST NATIONS EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTRE
(FIRST NATIONS EPI-CENTRE)**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and Manitoba First Nations Health and Wellness Strategy identified several Key Action Areas, including *Key Action Area 14: the Pursuit of Health Information and Research* as a priority for Manitoba First Nations;

Seconded by:

Chief Sheldon Kent
Black River First Nation

WHEREAS, *Key Action Area 14* emphasised how critical it was for First Nations to build the infrastructure to collect, analyze, translate and disseminate the information for First Nations, and called for the establishment of a Manitoba First Nations Health Research Centre and Statistical Network if we are to make any positive improvements in our state of health;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC and Manitoba First Nations align their vision for improved health for all in the *First Nations Health Renewal Strategy*, recognizing the role that health information, knowledge and research has in health care system renewal by influencing/changing government policy, assessing the effectiveness of policies and services, programs, public health interventions or to accessing much needed funding;

WHEREAS, the AMC has taken the initial steps in working through toward this vision through resolution May-08.02 to house the Manitoba Regional Health Survey and provided the mandate to the Manitoba First Nations Health Information Research Governance Committee (HIRGC);

WHEREAS, the AMC has increasingly been sought to participate, conduct, guide or collaborate in health research by direct involvement of skilled and trained AMC staff, or through the application process to HIRGC, who report to the Chiefs Task Force on Health (CTFoH);

WHEREAS, the International Centre for Infectious Disease and University of Winnipeg have approached the AMC to initiate discussions on the establishment of a Manitoba First Nations epidemiology research centre (Epi-Centre), which would be independent from academia and governments enabling First Nations independent research and studies with the focus on public health and prevention; and

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**RE: SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A FIRST NATIONS EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTRE
(FIRST NATIONS EPI-CENTRE) (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, a Manitoba First Nations Epi-Centre would be: entirely First Nations controlled; built upon First Nations principles of free, prior and informed consent on an individual and collective basis; based on the principles of First Nations Ownership, Control, Access and Possession of their own data; and First Nations ethical standard. The main priority of the Manitoba First Nations Epi-Centre would be to: implement and improve the quality and accuracy of First Nations Health Data; utilize data to support policy change/improvement for better First Nations health outcomes; assist communities in identifying health priorities for First Nations; and implementing disease surveillance systems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to engage and dialogue with key individuals and organizations with the goal of establishing the necessary partnerships to collaborate with the International Centre for Infectious Disease and the University of Winnipeg, and to continue discussions to further the work toward the establishment of the First Nations Epidemiology Centre.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the CTFoH to provide guidance to the development of the partnerships and ensure that the First Nations principles in the AMC Constitution are upheld, and the Epi-Centre framework incorporates a holistic approach, is accountable to First Nations, and recognizes the contribution of knowledge/science and wisdom of our Elders and Traditional Healers.

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**RE: TARGET DATE FOR ENDING INEQUALITY FOR FIRST NATIONS
CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

WHEREAS, children and youth are sacred and valued citizens of First Nations and represent the perpetuity of First Nations cultures, languages and ways of life;

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

WHEREAS, non-discrimination and respect for cultures and languages are shared principles of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)*, the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* and the *UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister committed to reconciliation in the Apology for Residential Schools and at the Crown-First Nations Gathering in January of 2012;

WHEREAS, the federal government has set the year 2015 as its target date to eliminate its deficit and move into a projected revenue situation – representing a difference of \$24.4 billion over three years (*Economic Action Plan 2012*, March 29, 2012), but continues to fail to address longstanding funding inequities in areas critical to child and youth development and well-being, such as: education – 20 to 30% less than provincial levels – and child welfare and social assistance – 20 to 25% less than provincial levels. (*Auditor General Report*, 2008; *Winnipeg Free Press*, February 4, 2012); and

WHEREAS, these inequities contribute to First Nations children and youth being over-represented in the child welfare system, and poor educational and health outcomes, putting at risk their ability to reach their full potential and contribute to our communities and broader society.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Prime Minister of Canada to set a target date no later than 2015 to end the inequalities experienced by First Nations children and young people; and that the Prime Minister be required to report annually to the public on progress to meet the end of inequity target date; and

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**RE: TARGET DATE FOR ENDING INEQUALITY FOR FIRST NATIONS
CHILDREN AND YOUTH (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that irrespective of the will of the Government, First Nations set 2015 as a target date to eradicate the deficit in equality for First Nations children and report publically on the government's progress in achieving the target date.

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**RE: RATIFICATION OF PRIVATE HOME PLACEMENT DOCUMENTS
AS PRESENTED**

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) requested for a review of the PHP Program as another effort to address a program that is perceived as inadequate to meet the needs of First Nations students. The Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) included the PHP Program as a component of the Education Partnerships Program (EPP) proposal;

WHEREAS, the PHP Program is a three-year research partnership initiative that entailed data collection, framework development, and the provision for recommendations for PHP program enhancement and capacity building;

WHEREAS, the initiative has completed three main deliverables: a PHP Program Review Report, PHP Framework, and a PHP Handbook;

WHEREAS, the PHP Program has been not had an increase in funding since the 1960's;

WHEREAS, the issues shared by the stakeholders and participants who took part in the review process included concerns relating to Funding, Room and Board, Transportation, Teachers and Counselors, as well as, Social and Academic Supports; and

WHEREAS, the MFNERC provided the Framework, Handbook and Program Review to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the PHP documents, specifically the Framework, Handbook and Program Review, as submitted by the MFNERC to the ECC.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC advocate for mandatory funding support be provided to the PHP Program as one of the strategies to ensure continued success for First Nations students.

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**RE: MFNERC MANDATE CHANGE FOR MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS
EDUCATION SYSTEM**

Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) established the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) to provide coordinated educational support services to First Nations schools in Manitoba;

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

WHEREAS, the MFNERC has now been in existence for over twelve years and its role has evolved since its original mandate, based partly on direction from First Nations and partly on available resourcing from the federal government; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations leaders have recommended the implementation of a First Nations education system that is developed by First Nations, respectful of Treaties and one that remains under First Nations authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the MFNERC to develop and implement a Manitoba First Nations Education System to include, but not be limited to, enhanced second level services (school division type) and enhanced third level services (department of education type) for the MFNERC.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC mandate the re-establishment of an AMC Chiefs Committee on Education to guide the development of the Manitoba First Nations Education System and provide political direction on First Nations education initiatives in Manitoba.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the MFNERC mandate be amended to offer enhanced second level services (school division-type services type) while continuing work on developing an enhanced education system(s) for First Nations including third level services (department of education-type services) such as facilitating the development of education law templates (local/aggregate), accreditation, certification, curriculum development, training, advocacy and other supports required by First Nations in Manitoba.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that regular updates on the MFNERC be provided to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs and the Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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**RE: SUPPORT TO AMC AND MFNTC TO ACQUIRE FUNDING FOR THE
MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

Moved by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly endorsed the Manitoba First Nations Health & Wellness Strategy to ensure First Nations leadership in holistic health, including eHealth (Jan.01-05);

WHEREAS, the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs (ECC) endorsed the eHealth Long Term Strategy (eHLTS) to ensure First Nations leadership in eHealth (ECC Mar-12.01);

WHEREAS, eHLTS Overall Goal #3 states, “Every First Nation in Manitoba will have High-speed Industrial Strength Connectivity by 2013”;

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Technology Council (MFNTC) was mandated to establish the Manitoba First Nations Technology Plan (May-09.01);

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Technology Plan will not interfere with First Nations communities that plan to initiate and negotiate similar programs and funding in their communities;

WHEREAS, Manitoba Lotteries awarded Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. (MTS) a contract to build a private high-speed network to 32 locations, including 15 First Nation communities;

WHEREAS, Manitoba Lotteries is providing an opportunity to Manitoba First Nations to share the “trench connectivity highway” for other First Nations connectivity purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations leadership must be meaningfully consulted and involved to the standard of free, prior and informed consent of any infrastructure builds going into their communities, to ensure economic development and revenue sharing opportunities.

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**RE: SUPPORT TO AMC AND MFNTC TO ACQUIRE FUNDING FOR
THE MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS TECHNOLOGY PLAN (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC Grand Chief to engage the Manitoba First Nations leadership in ensuring Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) invest in connectivity infrastructure; as well as other federal and provincial departments, and the private and non-profit sectors.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to ensure MTS and other carriers, and public and private sectors, share information regarding high-speed builds to First Nations with leadership before new builds occur.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly urge the federal and Manitoba provincial governments to confirm funding commitments to First Nations that are sustainable to carry out the eHealth Long Term Strategy (eHLTS).

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**RE: ROLE OF AMC TO ASSIST FIRST NATIONS AFFECTED BY THE
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF BIPOLE III**

Moved by:

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin Cree Nation

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba retain inherent and treaty rights within their ancestral territories;

Seconded by:

Chief Irvin McIvor
Sandy Bay First Nation

WHEREAS, the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* recognizes the rights of First Nation Peoples to free, prior and informed consent on issues that affect or may affect their land, inherent and/or treaty rights;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba unilaterally decided to construct Bipole III on the west side of Lake Winnipeg;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba is currently engaged in a regulatory proceeding on Bipole III that includes an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to *The Environment Act* (Manitoba);

WHEREAS, the duty of the Crown to consult and accommodate First Nations remain a mandatory obligation of the Crown which cannot be delegated or ignored; and

WHEREAS, the Crown has not engaged in meaningful consultation and accommodation with First Nation communities affected by the construction and operation of Bipole III.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Crown to consult directly with all First Nations in Manitoba regarding the construction and operation of Bipole III which assures each First Nation an opportunity to participate in regulatory proceeding, including the EIS.

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**RE: ROLE OF AMC TO ASSIST FIRST NATIONS AFFECTED BY THE
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF BIPOLE III *(cont'd)***

FURTHER BE IT RESOVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC to monitor consultation and negotiation between First Nations in Manitoba and the Crown to facilitate sharing of information and to promote meaningful consultation for First Nations affected by the proposed construction and operation of Bipole III by: (1) developing a “resource equity position” to advance all First Nations interests; and (2) developing a framework for negotiation and consultation for individual First Nations to consider in advancing their interests including a “resource equity position”, to benefit all First Nations in Manitoba.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC provide regular updates to First Nations in Manitoba; the Chiefs-in-Assembly; and the Executive Council of Chiefs.

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**RE: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PATIENT NAVIGATORS
POSITIONS (2)**

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone,
Keeseekoowenin Ojibway
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program provides coverage for a limited range of goods and services including: prescription drugs, dental care, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, short term counseling, and medical transportation;

WHEREAS, inflation, provincial/territorial health care reforms, and a growing and aging population are putting new pressures on NIHB, resulting in cost management measures including: delisting of benefits, changes to eligibility for benefits, enforcement of low-cost pharmaceutical alternatives, and reductions in pharmacist service cost;

WHEREAS, these cost cutting-measures are expected to increase the number of denials of NIHB services, putting the health of the First Nations individual at risk;

WHEREAS, the NIHB Patient Navigator position currently exists in all regions with the exception of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories;

WHEREAS, the role of the NIHB Patient Navigator position is to: advocate for clients and assist them in accessing NIHB program benefits; advocate for increased and sustainable NIHB funding; and create a database of access issues and resolution; and

WHEREAS, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) has identified funding for two NIHB Patient Navigators, and the Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO) Inc. and the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Inc. wish to provide this service.

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**RE: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PATIENT NAVIGATORS
POSITIONS (2) (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the SCO Inc. and the MKO Inc. in pursuing funding from FNIHB to create and provide Patient Navigator positions within their respective organizations.

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**RE: MANITOBA POLICE COMMISSION AND INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION UNIT**

Moved by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly called for actions in response to the 2008 Winnipeg Police Service shooting death of Craig McDougall from the Wasagamack First Nation;

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

WHEREAS, one of the action's under point 4 of the 6 spoke to the assurance that a joint First Nation/Province of Manitoba relationship be established with respect to the implementation of a Special Investigation Unit as recommended by the Manitoba Aboriginal Justice Inquiry (AJI) - the relationship between police services and Aboriginal people was central to the AJI;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Police Commission and Independent Investigation Unit have now been established as part of Manitoba's *Police Services Act*;

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Police Commission is a diverse group composed of nine (9) Minister of Justice appointed persons which includes First Nation and Aboriginal representation, and is reported by the Minister as playing a fundamental part in providing a new era of civilian input, governance, transparency and accountability in the delivery of policing services in Manitoba;

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Police Commission may now create a roster and appoint civilians to monitor investigations conducted by the Independent Investigations Unit for matters; where death or serious injury of a person may have resulted from the actions of a police officer; or where a police officer may have contravened a prescribed provision of the Criminal Code or a prescribed provision of another federal or provincial enactment;

WHEREAS, the civilian monitors' responsibilities include monitoring the progress of the Independent Investigations Unit investigation in accordance with prescribed practices and procedures;

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a person as civilian director of the Independent Investigations Unit who is not a current or former member of a police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP);

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**RE: MANITOBA POLICE COMMISSION AND INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION UNIT (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, the civilian director may select a current or former member of the RCMP, a current or former police officer from a police service in Manitoba or another Canadian province, or a civilian with prescribed qualifications and investigation experience to serve as investigators with the Independent Investigations Unit; and

WHEREAS, where a police officer is selected as an Independent Investigation Unit investigator he or she must be released from all other duties in order to join the unit and is under the sole command and direction of the civilian director.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to utilize legislative mechanisms to permit the Chiefs-in-Assembly to have input on First Nation representation with the Manitoba Police Commission and that such mechanisms further ensure First Nation representation on the Manitoba Police Commission's rosters for the positions of appointed civilian monitors and Independent Investigation Unit investigators.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CAHRMA)**

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Cameron
Tootinaowaziibeeng First
Nation

WHEREAS, First Nation governance requires the development of a strong and stable workforce. Human Resource Management provides the required human resources to effect the strategies and management practices that will enable sustainable success of First Nation governments;

Seconded by:

Chief Glenn Hudson
Peguis First Nation

WHEREAS, Human Resource Management is the organizational function that deals with issues related to people such as compensation, hiring, performance management, organization development, safety, wellness, benefits, employee motivation, communication, administration, and training;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) funding arrangements require effective First Nation Human Resource operating policies and procedures;

WHEREAS, most First Nation communities have little or no effective Human Resource operating policies and procedures;

WHEREAS, currently there is no First Nation Human Resource organization that creates effective Human Resource tools designed to compliment and support the economic development and enhancement of business strategies that will assist First Nation communities in becoming self-sufficient in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Aboriginal Human Resource Management Association (CAHRMA) is a First Nation led organization that provides specialized, community-focused association that empowers First Nation people to enhance their human resource strategies and management practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support and promote First Nation led initiatives that will strengthen and unite First Nation governance.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN ABORIGINAL HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CAHRMA) *(cont'd)***

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the CAHRMA in its development and efforts to enable leaders and human resource practitioners to enhance and empower their communities with the knowledge that will assist in the enhancement of their business acumen and value-added services to their organizations and communities.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR INQUESTS INVOLVING THE RCMP AND FIRST
NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH**

Moved by:

Chief Gilbert G. Andrews
God's Lake Narrows First
Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Chief Medical Examiner ordered under the Fatal Inquiries Act an inquest into the March 15, 2011 death of Paul Leonard Duck of God's Lake Narrows First Nation who was killed after RCMP officers shot him;

Seconded by:

Chief Joe Antsanen
Northlands First Nation

WHEREAS, the family of Mr. Duck and the God's Lake Narrows First Nation community are displeased with the RCMP because it has closed its investigation despite the fact that a number of key witnesses were not interviewed, and this has led to distrust of the practice of the RCMP reviewing the conduct of their own members;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the family of Mr. Duck has consulted with a law firm to discuss filing a civil suit and were told it would cost approximately \$100,000, and a standing hearing for the Inquest will take place on July 19, 2012;

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Chief Medical Examiner ordered under the Fatal Inquiries Act an inquest into the November 26, 2011 death of Drianna Ross, 2 and ½ months old, of God's Lake Narrows First Nation, who was repeatedly denied med-evac services by the Burntwood Regional Health Authority while receiving medical treatment by the local nursing station. Drianna Ross was sent to Thompson for additional medical treatment where was diagnosed with pneumonia and died;

WHEREAS, Health Canada is placing blame with the Burntwood Regional Health Authority for the death of baby Drianna; and

WHEREAS, similar issues involving the RCMP and involving the lack of access to health care have affected many Manitoba First Nations, and the findings of the above two Inquests will have an impact on all Manitoba First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the participation of the families involved in the Inquest into the death of Paul Duck and the Inquest into the death of Drianna Ross.

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NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH (cont'd)**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to provide technical support to assist the families of the two Inquests to: (1) look for experts in the area of health and policing; (2) determine who may be appropriate intervenors; and (3) seek financial support for their participation at the Inquests.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN “MKO-MANITOBA-
MAMI MINES CONSULTATION, LICENCING AND PERMITTING
PROCESS ROUND TABLE”**

Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Joe Antsanen
Northlands Denesuline First
Nation

WHEREAS, during the Roundtable on Crown-First Nation Consultation and Accommodation held on June 4, 2010 at the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, the Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines agreed to establish a process with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to review broad policy matters including the reform of the *Mines and Minerals Act* which broad process is supported by the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the MKO First Nations continue to be actively engaged on a day-to-day basis with the Manitoba Mines Branch on numerous matters, including disputes, involving the application of the Crown-First Nation consultation and accommodation process as well as the mines and minerals licencing and related permitting processes within the ancestral lands and traditional territories of the MKO First Nations; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2012 the MKO First Nations proposed that the Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines and the Mining Association of Manitoba (MAMI) establish and engage in a collaborative initiative between the MKO First Nations, the Province of Manitoba and MAMI in order to:

- 1) review the present processes and standards being applied by Manitoba to the conduct of the Crown-First Nation consultation and accommodation process in respect of proposed mines- and minerals-related applications, dispositions and decisions;
- 2) review the present processes and standards being applied by Manitoba to the conduct of the mines and minerals licencing and related permitting processes, including related to access to lands;
- 3) identify, develop and implement effective standards and processes to be applied to the conduct of the Crown-First Nation Consultation and Accommodation Process as well as to mines and minerals licencing and related permitting processes; and

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- 4) review, identify and develop means to capture meaningful opportunities for First Nations in the mines and minerals sector of northern Manitoba, including benefit and revenue sharing measures; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2012, during the MKO Economic Summit, Trade Show and Jobs Fair, MKO and MAMI announced an inaugural meeting of the MKO-Manitoba-MAMI Round Table to be held on August 14, 15 and 16, 2012.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of an “MKO-Manitoba-MAMI Mines Consultation, Licensing and Permitting Process Round Table” to address these matters within the ancestral lands and traditional territory of the MKO First Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to communicate such support in writing to the Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines and to the Chair of MAMI.

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION OF WAR LAKE FIRST NATION
TRAIN SERVICES ISSUES**

Moved by:

Chief Betsy Kennedy
War Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, War Lake First Nation does not have year-round road access to a service centre;

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi Cree Nation

WHEREAS, this situation creates a heavily reliance by War Lake First Nation on train services provided by Via Rail for transportation of its members seeking medical care and other necessary services not offered in the community, and for purchasing basic goods necessary for daily living; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, changes to and disruptions in service schedules, such as cut backs and prolonged delays, significantly impact War Lake First Nation because of its reliance situation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly support War Lake First Nation in resolving its train services with relevant entities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to assist War Lake First Nation in:

- (1) Scheduling a meeting with:
 - a. Provincial and Federal Ministers of Transportation to discuss the construction of a 20 mile all-weather road to War Lake First Nation; and,
 - b. Via Rail to ensure War Lake First Nation leadership are apprised of any schedule changes, prolonged delays or reduction of services, in a timely fashion.
- (2) Lobbying Omnitrax (company contracted by Via Rail) to properly maintain the rail.

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**RE: SUPPORTING RED SUCKER LAKE FIRST NATION
MORATORIUM ON MINERAL EXPLORATION ON TRADITIONAL
AND ANCESTRAL TERRITORY**

Moved by:

Chief Michael Yellowback
Manto Sipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Gilbert Andrews
God's Lake First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, many permits, licenses and other land disposition relating to resources and commercial development are consistently granted by the Province of Manitoba to major companies on First Nation traditional and ancestral lands without meaningful consultation and accommodation, and, when there is a Crown First Nation consultation, the Province of Manitoba applies minimal standards on the duty to consult, or “what they can get away with”;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba granted mineral exploration company Mega Precious Metals Inc. permits and licenses without consultation and accommodation with First Nations, and Mega Precious Metals Inc. is currently exploring for minerals in First Nation traditional and ancestral territory;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba continues to grant permits and licenses without meaningful consultation and accommodation relating to Work Permits, and Mineral Exploration Licenses (MEL) which allows “free entry” to First Nations traditional and ancestral lands, and, does not consult with First Nations when converting a MEL into mining claims; and

WHEREAS, Red Sucker Lake First Nation (RSLFN) traditional and ancestral territory (over 30,000 hectares) is being desecrated by ongoing mineral exploration and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are being extinguished, without meaningful consultation and accommodation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly gives its full political support to RSLFN to put a moratorium on all commercial activities on their traditional and ancestral territory until the Province of Manitoba engages in meaningful consultation with RSLFN and negotiates accommodation measures that addresses the impact on Aboriginal and treaty rights and the damages caused by the Mega Precious Metals Inc. to the satisfaction of RSLFN.

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AND ANCESTRAL TERRITORY *(cont'd)***

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Secretariat to provide technical support to RSLFN for its moratorium and negotiates with the Province of Manitoba.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief and the AMC Executive Council to fully support RSLFN by monitoring and writing a letter immediately to the Minister of Innovation, Energy, and Mines to ensure meaningful consultation and accommodation for RSLFN and to demand him to fully apply the law on the “duty to consult and accommodate”.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE DAKOTA NATIONS

Moved by:

Chief Murray Clearsky
Waywayseecappo First
Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Chiefs-in-Assembly subscribe to and adopt collectively all protections and recognition afforded under international law including but not limited to, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP);

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly have observed the Dakota Nations' activities in asserting their sovereignty, including against the unjustified application of foreign law by Canada on the Dakota Nations and their citizens;

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Dakota Nations in exercising their cultural, economic, political and social jurisdiction in their original traditional territory as set out in Article 3 of the UNDRIP;

WHEREAS, the Dakota and other First Nations people are, and have always been, equal in worth and potential to all people on earth; and,

WHEREAS, the Dakota and other First Nations are sovereign powers and retain all rights title and privileges related to their lands and people, not legally and morally dispossessed via free, prior, and informed consent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), serve notice to the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba that they have failed to produce legal documentation evidencing the free, prior and informed consent of the Dakota Nations allowing for the exercise of foreign jurisdiction over the Dakota land and people.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada to approach the Dakota Nations and seek resolution through treaty or other mutually acceptable nation-to-nation agreement.

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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE DAKOTA NATIONS (cont'd)

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Dakota Oyate in their affirmation and assertion of their Sovereignty and Self-Determination for the mutual benefit of all Indigenous Treaty Peoples in this part of Turtle Island.

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