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**NATIONAL FORUM:**

**PROTECTION OF TREATY & INHERENT RIGHTS GATHERING**

**RAMADA MARLBOROUGH HOTEL  
WINNIPEG, MB**

**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2002**

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**MOVED BY:**

Chief Stewart Phillip  
Penticton First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Dwayne Blackbird  
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

**CARRIED**

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON TREATY  
AND INHERENT RIGHTS**

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**WHEREAS,** the National Protection of Treaty and Inherent Rights Gathering was held March 11 & 12, 2002 in Winnipeg, Manitoba;

**WHEREAS,** direction was received to establish an Implementation Committee to provide alternatives to the FNGA initiative to ensure the protection of Treaty and Inherent Rights of First Nations and advance our rights based position;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the First Nations establish an Implementation Committee on Treaty and Inherent Rights immediately;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** The Implementation Committee shall be comprised of representatives from various Treaty First Nations and Indigenous First Nations and other provincial organizations inclusive of both technical and political members;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** The Implementation Committee will meet to develop a plan based on the Action Plan drafted for the Protection of Treaty and Inherent Rights Gathering for review and approval to be provided to the Assembly of First Nations Special Assembly, the plan will include:

- a) International Strategy;
- b) Community designed and driven dialogue from the perspective of First Nations on the FNGA;
- c) Draft Band Council Resolutions to send to Canada;
- d) Media Strategy, public awareness and letter campaign to all Members of Parliament, Senate, and others;

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- e) National Day of protest across the lands when the FNGA is tabled;
- f) Strategic plan to proactively impact the legislative and policy process;
- g) Legal action based on the violation of Treaty and Inherent Rights;
- h) Address the violation of human rights by the Government of Canada; and
- i) National petition with education materials attached.

In recognition of the financial difficulties of the Assembly of First Nations the National Implementation Committee asks the AFN to provide office space with a phone and fax for a national coordination office with staffing to be identified and provided by the National Implementation Committee.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** The Implementation Committee be mandated to work with all First Nations and AFN entities against the Government's Agenda including the FNGA initiative.

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**Dennis White Bird, Grand Chief**

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**MOVED BY:**

Chief Dwayne Blackbird.  
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

**RE: PROCLAMATION**

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**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Alan Lameman  
Beaver Lake Cree Nation

**WHEREAS**, a Proclamation was presented to the National Protection of Treaty & Inherent Rights Gathering March 11 & 12, 2002 in Winnipeg, Manitoba;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

**CARRIED**

The Chiefs in Assembly accept in principle the Proclamation to be acted upon by the Implementation Committee on Treaty and Inherent Rights.

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***Dennis White Bird, Grand Chief***

**PROTECTION OF TREATY & INHERENT RIGHTS GATHERING  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA - MARCH 11, 12, 2002**

**Proclaimed by the First Nations Leaders on March 12, 2002 in Winnipeg, Manitoba  
STILL IN DRAFT FORM FOR MINOR REVISIONS**

**PROCLAMATION**

*We have been wrongfully subjected to colonialism such as the Indian Act for over a century and along with the new legislative regimes being embarked upon by Canada in this new millennium, we view this as legislative infringement and a direct violation of our Treaty and Inherent Rights, and, we do hereby express strongly our conviction to reject the racist, illegal and immoral notions of "terra nullius" and the "doctrine of discovery," and that we will not tolerate forced assimilation by Canada's national institution's, legislative, executive and judicial branches or otherwise; and that our Indian Nations and Tribes retain and affirm all of their inherent collective rights as sovereign nations, including the right of self-determination and self-government. These rights include the right to protect our survival as sovereign nations from any attempts by the Crown in Right of Canada, or it's constituent governments to displace, usurp or otherwise encroach on our core areas of jurisdiction.*

**THEREFORE, WE PROCLAIM THAT:**

**We, the Indian Nations and Tribes located in what is now known as Canada, are bound by common origin, history, aspirations and experience; knowing the Creator placed us here on Mother Earth as sovereign nations to seek to live in peace, freedom and prosperity with all humanity and are united and have a common resolve to protect our Treaty and Inherent Rights;**

**While our Indian Nations and Tribes have distinct identities, cultures, languages and traditions, we have been guided by many common purposes and beliefs which have been shaped by many common experiences and that we have the common resolve to work together in pursuit of our rights and interests in accordance to our own territories, laws and customs;**

**We have all retained the inherent right to self-determination and in shaping our own destinies we shall adhere to the honoured traditions of our ancestors to work in securing the greatest possible freedom, dignity and prosperity for our descendants;**

**We have all known ourselves as peoples who live in harmony with our environment and we cherish and protect our traditional beliefs, customs and homelands;**

**We have all shared a belief that individuals and peoples must address each other in a spirit of respect and tolerance and we acknowledge we have all experienced outside encroachment upon our traditional homelands and we have striven to co-exist with other peoples and cultures in peace and harmony;**

**We are hereby resolved to affirm and strengthen those bonds of mutual respect, cooperation and affection, and as friends and allies, we, the Indian Nations and Tribes shall go forward with greater strength and wisdom as we interact with other governments in our region, our hemisphere and our World with respect to protecting our Treaty and Inherent Rights;**

**We shall take the necessary actions to ensure the rights of Indian Nations and Tribes are respected and protected as long as the rivers flow, the grass grows and the sun shines for our peoples.**

**We hereby affirm, we the Indian Nations and Tribes as sovereign peoples are bound by a common resolve to live in prosperity and to protect and preserve our customs, laws, values and our Treaty and Inherent Rights including the spirit and intent of Treaties as evidenced by our oral histories.**

**Date: March 12, 2002**

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**MOVED BY:**

Chief Morris Shannacappo,  
Rolling River First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Felix Antoine,  
Roseau River First Nation

**CARRIED**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SAMSON CREE FIRST NATION**

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**WHEREAS**, the National Protection of Treaty and Inherent Rights Gathering was held March 11 & 12, 2002, in Winnipeg, Manitoba;

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 breach of trust legal proceedings were instituted in the Federal Court of Canada by the Samson Cree Nation and its members against the Government of Canada;

**WHEREAS**, the legal proceedings seek to have the Federal Government including the Department of Indian Affairs declared in breach of its Treaty, Trust and Fiduciary obligations and duties to the Samson Cree Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Samson Cree Nation is claiming 1.385 billion in damages plus interest and costs for loss of revenue and other losses suffered as a result of the Federal Governments breach of Treaty, Trust and Fiduciary obligations and other duties;

**WHEREAS**, numerous First Nations have instituted similar breach of trust legal proceedings against Canada and have offered support to the Samson Cree Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the trial of the action involving the Samson Cree Nation and the Government of Canada commenced on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 in the City of Calgary;

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NATION (cont'd)**

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**WHEREAS**, the trial involving the Samson Cree Nation and the Government of Canada has continued for one and one half years of trial and is presently scheduled to recommence on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, We the Chiefs of our Nations support the Samson Cree Nation in their legal action and we demand that the Minister take immediate steps to resolve this very significant claim and uphold the original spirit and intent of Treaty #6.

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