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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

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Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief John Miswagon
Pimicikamak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: TOTAL REJECTION OF MINISTER ROBERT
NAULT'S PROPOSED FIRST NATION
GOVERNANCE ACT**

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, Robert Nault, has decided to proceed with legislation entitled the First Nation Governance Act, which will amend and/or replace parts of the current Indian Act; and

WHEREAS, this initiative was developed unilaterally and arbitrarily by the Minister of Indian Affairs without any consultation with First Nations; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have been involved in self-government consultations and negotiations through the Manitoba Framework Agreement Initiative for the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have continually requested that Canada honour and implement Treaties to their full and proper extent; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) vow to protect the Treaties and First Nation governments from further encroachment and to prevent any action by any Nation, group or government from violating the integrity and freedoms of self-determination and the individual and collective rights of First Nations peoples.

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**RE: TOTAL REJECTION OF MINISTER ROBERT
NAULT'S PROPOSED FIRST NATION
GOVERNANCE ACT (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-In-Assembly totally reject Minister Nault's proposed First Nations Governance Act and that Minister Nault cease and desist with the consultation process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC, SCO, MKO Grand Chief's, AFN Regional Vice-Chief and AFN National Chief to take immediate action as outlined in the following documents:

1. Draft AFN Action Plan - May 2001;
2. Position Paper on First Nations Governance Act - April 2001;
3. First Nations Governance Act Briefing Note - May 3, 2001; and the
4. Strategy Outline for First Nations Governance Act - May 2, 2001.

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Dennis White Bird, Grand Chief

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Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Wesley Harper
Red Sucker Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF ROBERT NAULT
AS MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN &
NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA(DIAND)**

WHEREAS, Robert Nault has stated his intention to introduce legislation into the House of Commons entitled "The First Nations Governance Act" by Fall 2001 with or without First Nations leadership support; and

WHEREAS, First Nations are opposed to the unilateral approach imposed by Robert Nault and his intention to bypass the elected First Nation leadership; and

WHEREAS, First Nation leadership are duly elected by a majority of its members through a democratic process; and

WHEREAS, First Nations are offended by Robert Nault's lack of respect for First Nations citizens and the legitimacy of their First Nation elected officials and political organizations; and

WHEREAS, Robert Nault, in his capacity as the Minister, has breached the trust and fiduciary obligations of that office to First Nations peoples and has exercised bad faith negotiations, abuse of authority, lack of truthfulness and misrepresented the true intent of the proposed legislation, and has withheld the necessary funding to First Nations and their organizations unless they agree to participate in his "consultation plan" which is nothing short of blackmail and placed the First Nations under a funding siege; and

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA(DIAND) (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, DIAND senior officials have been instructed to implement the Minister's consultation plan as a priority resulting in their absence from dealing with the day-to-day business in First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS, the Minister's consultation process will exhaust monies targeted for First Nations regional allocations and Gathering Strength Initiatives which are meant to address the social conditions in First Nation communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the AMC, MKO and SCO Grand Chief's, AFN Regional Vice-Chief and AFN National Chief to take action for the immediate removal of Robert Nault as Minister of the Department of Indian & Northern Affairs Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Chiefs-In-Assembly direct the National Chief to meet with Prime Minister Chretien to demand the immediate removal of Robert Nault as Minister of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

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Dennis White Bird, Grand Chief