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**10th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 15, 16 & 17, 1998**

**Dakota Tipi First Nation
Portage La Prairie, Manitoba**

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SEPT-98.01

Moved by:

Chief Emile Garson
Tataskweyak Cree Nation

**RE: FUNDING FOR A SPECIAL CHIEFS HEALTH
ASSEMBLY**

Seconded by:

Proxy Mike Muswaggon
Norway House First Nation

WHEREAS, the strategic plan of Medical Services Branch (M.S.B.) regarding First Nations health care services and programs requires analysis; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba must develop pro-active positions regarding health issues; and

WHEREAS, these issues include but are not limited to:

1. Manitoba Deficit and Action Plan
2. Health Transfer Agreements
3. Diabetes Initiative
4. Non-Insured Health Benefits
5. Medical Transportation
6. Traditional Healers Program
7. Provincial Health Reform
8. Other

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Grand Chief to acquire the necessary funding to convene a Special Chiefs Assembly within the next three months.

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SEPT-98.02

Moved by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

**RE: ABORIGINAL HEAD START PROGRAM (ON
RESERVES)**

Seconded by:

Proxy Margaret Clearsky
Waywayseccappo First Nation

WHEREAS, in February 1998, the federal government (Minister Jane Stewart) announced its intent to expand Aboriginal Head Start Program to First Nation communities; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the funding will be made available through the regional structure of Medical Services Branch.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs reject the proposal driven mechanism that will dictate who will qualify for funding as proposed by Health Canada; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That a First Nations structure be established to manage the initiative; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the development of a communication strategy to increase community awareness of the Head Start Program.

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Moved by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Mike Muswaggon
Norway House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

1 - Abstention

RE: A.F.N. PROPERTY ON TACHE AVENUE

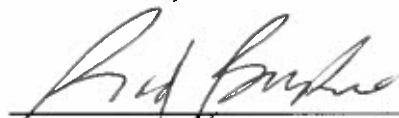
WHEREAS, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine has indicated an interest in transferring control of the donated land on Tache Avenue in Winnipeg to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, there are annual taxes of approximately \$50,000 for this land based on the current assessment which may be reduced if the land is used for educational or other purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly support Vice-Chief Dennis White Bird in the process of transferring control of the land to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs by January 1999; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That Vice-Chief White Bird secure a commitment from the City of Winnipeg to significantly reduce or eliminate the annual land taxes.

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Moved by:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
Waterhen First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

**RE: HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CANADA -
POST 1999 STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, Human Resource Development Canada (H.R.D.C.) and various Manitoba First Nation organizations have existing agreements in the area of training and employment, day care and youth that are expiring on March 31, 1999; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, H.R.D.C. has announced that the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy will replace the existing agreements; and

WHEREAS, H.R.D.C.'s strategy proposes one five-year comprehensive agreement that includes the following five program areas: Employment and Training, Day Care, Youth, Urban and Disabled; and

WHEREAS, H.R.D.C. has indicated the National funding levels for the five program areas will remain the same, and new Regional Allocation Formulas will be established for each program area under the comprehensive five-year agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Executive Council passed a motion on June 1, 1998 establishing a technical advisory working group, made up of the advisors/managers from the five program areas, to analyze H.R.D.C.'s Post 1999 Strategy and develop a response for Manitoba First Nations.

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**RE: HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CANADA -
POST 1999 STRATEGY (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the technical advisory working group mandate and the attached action plan; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support a unified approach with M.K.O. and the Southern Chiefs Organization to pursue increased funding levels in the following five program areas.

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Moved by:

Chief Andrew Anderson
Fairford First Nation

**RE: TRANSFER DELIVERY & ADMINISTRATION OF
N.H.A. PROGRAMS BY C.M.H.C. TO FIRST NATIONS**

Seconded by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, C.M.H.C. through the National Housing Act currently provides delivery and administration services for housing programs to First Nations communities; and

MOTION CARRIED

1 - Abstention
1 - Opposed

WHEREAS, C.M.H.C. is currently negotiating, and in some cases, has concluded some agreements with the provinces to transfer the administration of its Social housing programs, along with resources to support this administration, to the provinces; and

WHEREAS, Resolution MAY-96.08 resolved that the A.M.C. secure agreement for transferring jurisdiction and management of federal social housing programs to First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, C.M.H.C. through its Winnipeg Point of Service has requested a working group be established with 2 representatives from the north and 2 representatives from the south to review and explore options for First Nation takeover of C.M.H.C.'s delivery and administration of N.H.A. On-Reserve programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the establishment for the proposed working group as proposed by C.M.H.C. to review C.M.H.C. programs and explore potential models for First Nation control of the programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the working group report its findings and recommendations to the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

**RE: PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST NATION CHILD WELFARE
SERVICES (URBAN AREA)**

Seconded by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1,200 Aboriginal children in care in Winnipeg alone, of which 41% are identified as treaty First Nation children; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution APRIL-94.06 that called on the government and the Province of Manitoba to respect and support the right of First Nation peoples' jurisdiction over Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government is currently discussing a strategy to address the Aboriginal Child Welfare crisis in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Council of Chiefs passed a motion directing the A.M.C./M.K.O. Advisors on Child and Family Services to develop a joint position on Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the joint position includes the direction that existing First Nation Child Welfare agencies develop protocol arrangements for the administration of First Nation Child Welfare services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Chiefs Committee on Child Welfare to pursue a bilateral process with the Manitoba Family Services to establish a First Nations protocol arrangement for the administration of Child Welfare services for First Nations children in off-reserve areas as an interim measure until the issue of jurisdiction is addressed through the Framework Agreement Initiative.

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Moved by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy David Spence
Nisichawayasihk First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: URBAN STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs identified that research was required to address the question of portability of First Nation Treaty and Aboriginal Rights; and

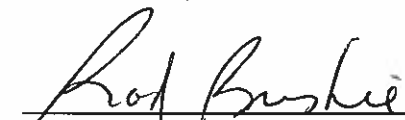
WHEREAS, a preliminary First Nations Citizens Urban Strategy and Action Plan was developed in July 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Accord signed between the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and the Federal Government purports to ascribe authority to the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples over all First Nations who live off-reserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly formally accept the recommendations contained in the attached preliminary First Nations Citizens Urban Strategy Action Plan; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief and the Executive Council of A.M.C. to review the Accord signed between the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and the Federal Government to determine if a similar accord should be signed between A.M.C. and the Federal Government.

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Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi House First Nation

RE: POST SECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, there are some apparent discrepancies between First Nation audits and INAC audits; and

WHEREAS, these discrepancies are resulting in an apparent surplus; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, funding for the Post Secondary Education program has not been increased for the 1998/99 fiscal year based on INAC's rationale that there is a surplus in Post Secondary Funding in the Manitoba region.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs strongly encourage all Chiefs and Councils to direct their Education Authorities to request INAC's audits of their post secondary program and compare to their own audit figures; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that information on any discrepancies in audit figures be forwarded to the AMC Education Secretariat and Chiefs Committee on Education for further action.

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Moved by:

Chief Emile Garson
Tataskweyak First Nation

**RE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS GROUP ON
TAXATION (I.A.G.)**

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

WHEREAS, there have been recent developments in taxation that are of grave concern to First Nations, namely:

- a) Revenue Canada's proposed reassessment of TCIG of \$1.7 million in taxes;
- b) the tax court decision in Desnomie that the Director of MIEA is taxable on his employment income;

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, in response to these concerns, the Executive of the A.M.C. on August 7, 1998 created the I.A.G. on Taxation with the mandate to negotiate with and advise the federal and provincial government to make federal and provincial tax policy, legislation and administration accord with the tax immunity provided in the Inherent and Treaty Rights of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, a budget ("Budget") to fund the activities of I.A.G. has been presented to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Assembly confirm/support the creation and mandate of the I.A.G.
2. The I.A.G. undertake such activity as set forth in the Budget as may be funded and be negotiated by I.A.G. and I.N.A.C.

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Moved by:

Chief Ken Whitecloud
Sioux Valley First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief William Lathlin
Opaskwayak Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

1 - Abstention
2 - Opposed

RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS / CANADA ACCORD

WHEREAS, the Grand Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, M.K.O. and the Southern Chiefs Organization of Manitoba believe it would be in the best interest of First Nations to enter into an Accord with the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development representing the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that there is a need to develop a process to recognize First Nation Governments and to work together to define partnerships and common visions; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Accord is to focus on First Nations - Canada Relations Treaty Implementation, Inherent and Treaty Rights, Socio-Economic Relations and New Fiscal Relations; and

WHEREAS, the Accord sets out a process to address and facilitate Gathering Strength: Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Accord signed by the parties will establish a defined process in response to the recommendations of R.C.A.P.; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, during her meeting with the Chiefs on September 10, 1998 at Dakota Tipi First Nation has challenged the Chiefs in Manitoba for the establishment of a process to address ongoing day-to-day issues.

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**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS / CANADA ACCORD
(cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs of A.M.C. support and mandate the Grand Chiefs of A.M.C., M.K.O. and the Southern Chiefs Organization of Manitoba adopt this Accord, the terms and principles set forth; and the direction to enter into a relationship with the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on behalf of Canada.

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Moved by:

Chief Pascall Bighetty
Mathias Colomb First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Phillip Buck
Mosakahiken Cree Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING BOARD

WHEREAS, in 1969, Canada established Freshwater Fish Marketing Board which monopolized the export sale of all fish species in N. W. T., Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, after 29 years, the Corporation has not benefitted First Nation fishermen; and

WHEREAS, First Nation fishermen in Manitoba would like to export their fish species without F.F.M.C. restrictions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That A.M.C. Chiefs-in-Assembly support First Nations of Manitoba fishermen in their plight to export their fish to foreign markets without F.F.M.C. restrictions.

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Moved by:

Chief Ila Bussidor
Sayisi Dene First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Mike Muswaggon
Norway House First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: DENE NATIONS RIGHTS TO TRADITIONAL
TERRITORIES IN NUNAVUT**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has entered into an agreement with the Inuit to establish the Nunavut Territory in April 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Nunavut Territory includes Traditional Territory for the Northlands and Sayisi Dene First Nations along with three Saskatchewan Dene Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has failed to address the needs of the Dene to access their Traditional Territory and selecting Treaty Land North of 60; and

WHEREAS, this inaction by the Government of Canada has led the Dene to take legal action against the Crown.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Grand Chiefs of A.M.C. and M.K.O. and the National Chief of A.F.N. demand that the Minister of Indian Affairs address the Traditional Territory of the Dene Nations immediately; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hold an occupation of the Dene Traditional Territory in Nunavut effective April 2nd, 1999 should the Government of Canada fail to address this issue with the two Manitoba Dene Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, The Chiefs-in-Assembly show their support of this issue by establishing the Annual Caribou Hunt on September 18th for one week in Nunavut.

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Moved by:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Margaret Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE CUSTODY COURT CASE OF
BABY LEVI HENDERSON IN THE STATE OF
OKLAHOMA**

WHEREAS, there is a custody battle in the state of Oklahoma between the birth parents, Glenna Henderson, Sagkeeng First Nation and Walter Choken, Lake Manitoba First Nation versus the non-First Nations adoptive mother of baby Levi; and

WHEREAS, baby boy Henderson born to Glenna Henderson on April 1, 1998 is a member of the Sagkeeng First Nation; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that consent given by Glenna to adopt baby Levi was given under duress; and

WHEREAS, it is fundamental to our culture and continued existence as a nation to ensure that our children are not taken from us; and

WHEREAS, First Nations children have the right to reach their full potential, their sense of self-identity and cultural identity is important in the make-up of a whole person; and

WHEREAS, it is the basic right of our people to care for our own children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, support the efforts of Glenna Henderson and Walter Choken to obtain the return of baby boy Henderson so that the child will have the opportunity to exercise his right to grow up as a member of the Ojibway Nation; and

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR THE CUSTODY COURT CASE OF
BABY LEVI HENDERSON IN THE STATE OF
OKLAHOMA (cont'd)**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We oppose any act or Order, which may have the effect of removing baby boy Henderson from the jurisdiction of the Ojibway Nation; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the A.M.C. support Glenna Henderson and Walter Choken, by any means necessary, in their efforts to regain custody of their son.

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Moved by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

**RE: MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS REPATRIATION
PROGRAM**

Seconded by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Repatriation Program (M.F.N.R.P.) is a unique and successful program that was established by Manitoba First Nations in 1992; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the 5th Annual Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopted, on May 29, 1996, a resolution directing the A.M.C. to secure funding for the M.F.N.R.P.; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the collective efforts of member First Nations of the A.M.C. the Federal Government has, in past years, allocated funding to the M.F.N.R.P. in the amount of \$120,000 and the Province of Manitoba in the amount of \$20,400; and

WHEREAS, the M.F.N.R.P. has experienced an increase in demand for services and in the caseload.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the A.M.C. Grand Chief Rod Bushie support and assist the M.F.N.R.P. in its efforts to secure from the Federal Government and Province of Manitoba, program funding for 1998/99 adequate to effectively address the current demand for services and caseload.

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Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Arnold Ouskan
War Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: STATEMENT ON UNITY

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs affirm their commitment to maintain political unity on common issues and common goals of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize that maintaining political unity requires fairness, equity in representation and full involvement in the decisions and positions adopted by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly acknowledge and respect the political mandates of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Southern Chiefs Organization and their responsibilities to represent regional interests of First Nations in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the following principles to guide us in our relations and provide direction to our political and administrative organizations:

- Equity and fairness will be maintained in all decisions respecting distribution of resources;
- Fair and equitable representation and involvement of First Nation regional interests will be maintained in decision-making; and
- Respect and accommodation for the mandates of First Nation political offices will be maintained in all relations of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs office; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the offices of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Southern Chiefs Organization assume primary responsibility for ensuring fair and equitable representation of northern and southern First Nation interests in the affairs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

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RE: STATEMENT ON UNITY (cont'd)

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grand Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Southern Chiefs Organization along with the Manitoba Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations comprise a Unity Council responsible for maintaining political unity on an ongoing basis and coordinating the work of the political offices mandated by First Nations in Manitoba.

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Moved by:

Chief Jim Prince
Brokenhead First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: FIREARMS ACT

WHEREAS, the Gun Control Regulations will become effective on October 1st, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have serious concerns with the process that took place in the formulation of these regulations as well as the terms of reference, principles and applications; and

WHEREAS, the Gun Control Regulations are an obvious infringement of First Nation Treaty Rights which will have serious implications for First Nation peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the National Chief to utilize any or all means necessary that will exempt the application of the Gun Control Regulations to First Nation peoples.

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Moved by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

2 - Abstention

**RE: REFORMING THE COMPOSITION OF THE AMC
CHIEFS COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, one of the principal instruments of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are the Chief's committees on: Self-determination and Treaties, Health and Social Development, Justice, Child Welfare, Education, Housing and Economic Development which were established pursuant to the AMC constitution; and

WHEREAS, in reference to Article 18 of the AMC constitution, it empowers the Executive Council of Chiefs to appoint Chiefs to various committees as regular members based on interest, expertise and equitable regional representation; that these committees are open and accessible to all Manitoba Chiefs as ex-officio members; and

WHEREAS, the size and composition of AMC Chiefs Committees conducting AMC business have become costly and at times ineffective due to the cumbersome task of attaining quorums. Therefore, it has been expressed and recommended to reduce the size of the committees and ensuring equal regional representation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 18 of the AMC Constitution which sets out the composition of the Chiefs committees by way of "*equitable regional representation*" and which empowers the Executive Committees to appoint the Chiefs to various committees, be re-defined to constitute three Northern Chiefs and three Southern Chiefs in each of the committees, thereby also reducing the size of the Chief's committees; and

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**RE: REFORMING THE COMPOSITION OF THE AMC
CHIEFS COMMITTEES**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that these proposed changes and appointments, which does not require a constitutional amendment, are executed in a timely fashion to ensure effective transition; and considering the option of downsizing by natural attrition.

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Moved by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief John Thunder
Buffalo Point First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

3 - Abstention

**RE: CHANGING THE COMPOSITION AND THE SIZE OF
THE AMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, one of the main instruments of the Assembly of Manitoba Chief's organization is the existence of the Assembly of Manitoba Chief's Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, Article 11 of the constitution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs organization, defines the composition and size of the Executive Council to comprise of nine representatives from the South and nine from the North, totaling eighteen Executive Council members; and

WHEREAS, it has been expressed and recommended (in the past) to reduce the size and composition of AMC Chief's Executive Council in order to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the decision making process; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs have expressed that by including all Tribal Councils, Independent First Nations and other organizations into the Executive Council, the Executive Council becomes cumbersome, ineffective, costly and which requires immediate resolution; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident, the size and composition of the Executive Council slows down the business of the Executive Council and Chiefs traveling long distances unable to attend the Executive Council meetings on a regular basis continue to raise concerns regarding their unavailability and the issue of equal representation in decision making process in the Executive Council; and

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**RE: CHANGING THE COMPOSITION AND THE SIZE OF
THE AMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (cont'd)**

WHEREAS, by reducing the size and composition of the Executive Council, it will ensure efficiency, effectiveness, equal representation and a reduction of costs associated with the Executive Council meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly by adopting this resolution will immediately effect and initiate a political understanding and process to change the size and composition of the Assembly of Manitoba Chief's Executive Council by gradually reducing the size and composition of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs from eighteen (18) Executive Council members to eight (8) Executive Council members comprising of four (4) representatives from the South and four (4) representatives from the North.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this change is achieved with the concurrence and assistance of the current Executive Council members in a timely fashion to ensure effective transition as not to disrupt the business of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; that this resolution acts as an interim measure with regard to this issue and serves notice to amend the AMC Constitution accordingly.

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Moved by:

Chief Dwayne Blackbird
Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Dennis Pashe
Dakota Tipi First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: NELSON VS. THE QUEEN

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is a political organization mandated to protect and promote First Nation Treaty and Inherent Rights; and

WHEREAS, Canada has unilaterally enacted and enforced laws which have impacted upon the rights and jurisdiction of First Nations contrary to the spirit and intent of sacred treaties signed between our nations; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian courts have upheld parliament's authority to limit and legislate upon the recognized Treaty Rights of First Nations; and

WHEREAS, First Nations insist that Treaties are international agreements between sovereign nations; and

WHEREAS, the First Nations take a legal position that the recognized conditions of treaties are not to be impacted upon by either side without the express written informed consent of the other party; and

WHEREAS, Nelson v.s. the Queen is a current case before the courts which involves the recognized Treaty and Inherent Rights of the First Nations of Manitoba

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly authorize the Grand Chief to pursue intervention status in Nelson v.s. the Queen; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly authorize research documents and position papers to be prepared; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, Upon the review of the completed research documents and position papers, the executive will decide whether to pursue or withdraw from the intervention.

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Moved by:

Chief David Crate
Fisher River First Nation

**RE: FIRST NATIONS YOUTH COUNCIL RECOGNITION
OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP**

Seconded by:

Chief Margaret Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations youth represent a large percentage of the total population of First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations youth are requesting recognition through the establishment of a recognized Youth Council with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Manitoba First Nations Youth Council will provide a recognized forum through which First Nations youth can bring the issues to the table.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support their youth through the creation of two youth positions within the Secretariat to establish a functioning youth council.

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Moved by:

Chief Roland Robinson
Cross Lake First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Michael Lawrenchuk
Fox Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

1 - Opposed

RE: LOBBY OF MANITOBA M.P.'S

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations have a housing backlog of approximately 10,000 units; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations are in a housing crisis in many cases as many as 3 families share homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That A.M.C. Chiefs petition their Members of Parliament at the House of Commons to increase Manitoba First Nations' funding to address the housing backlog immediately.

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Moved by:

Proxy Mike Muswaggon
Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy David Spence
Nisichawayasihk First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: GOD'S RIVER FIRST NATION RENOVATION COSTS

WHEREAS, the God's River First Nation is a community under the North Central Hydro Project; and

WHEREAS, this connection to land line power means that God's River First Nation must do major renovations to each home in the community; and

WHEREAS, these renovations include water and sewer connections, rewiring homes, purchasing major equipment such as forced air furnaces for each home; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of these renovations could exceed \$1.2 million; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government through the Minister of Indian Affairs has fiduciary obligation to First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Grand Chief of A.M.C. and the Grand Chief of M.K.O. insist that the Minister of Indian Affairs enter into negotiations with the God's River First Nation to ensure that these renovations are completely reimbursed by the department.

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Moved by:

Proxy David Spence
Nisichawayasihk First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Margaret Swan
Lake Manitoba First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

**RE: RECOGNITION OF SOUTH INDIAN LAKE FIRST
NATION**

WHEREAS, the South Indian Lake First Nation occupied their traditional land prior to the arrival of the Europeans; and

WHEREAS, the South Indian Lake First Nation lands and members were excluded on the date of survey by the Indian Commissioners during the signing of the numbered treaties and are considered a part of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the A.M.C. Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize South Indian Lake First Nation as the member First Nation within Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That A.M.C. Chiefs-in-Assembly direct Grand Chief Rod Bushie to lobby Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Jane Stewart and the Provincial Government for the creation of a reserve in South Indian Lake.

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SEPT-98.24

Moved by:

Chief Reggie Mason
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Frank Evans
Red Sucker Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: NORTH CENTRAL HYDRO PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Federal Government (INAC) representing First Nations of Oxford House, God's River, God's Lake Narrows, Red Sucker Lake, Garden Hill, Wasagamack and St. Theresa Point has cost-shared with the Provincial Government and Manitoba Hydro the North Central Hydro Project as follows: Federal Government (INAC) at 75%; Provincial Government at 15% and Manitoba Hydro at 10%; at a total cost of \$150 million; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, on behalf of the Crown, has entered into a Framework Agreement with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, on behalf of the First Nations, to work toward the goals of self-government and self-sufficiency (restoring jurisdiction); and

WHEREAS, the First Nations mentioned on this resolution aspire to be owners of all Hydro facilities, including but not limited to, substations situated near the First Nation communities, hydro lines, poles and any other related facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That A.M.C. organization be instructed to assist and to support the above-mentioned First Nations in their negotiation with the governments concerned, to initiate actions towards acquirement of the electrical power supply system being presently constructed under the name of the North Central Hydro Project; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That A.M.C. organization be instructed to assist and support the First Nations affected by this Project to renegotiate the agreements that may have taken place in regards to surrendered reserve lands.

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Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

**RE: MANITOBA FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
INITIATIVE**

Seconded by:

Chief Alfred Everett
Berens River First Nation

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Framework Agreement was signed in 1994 between the Federal Government represented by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs represented by the Grand Chief of the day; and

MOTION CARRIED

1 - Abstention

WHEREAS, there has been no movement to-date to restore activity or jurisdiction on the items identified in the F.A.I.; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to decide if it is productive or cost beneficial to continue with these discussions and to confirm the federal response to this process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That a Special General Assembly be convened as soon as possible to discuss and decide on the future of this process.

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Moved by:

Chief Reggie Mason
St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Proxy Frank Evans
Red Sucker Lake First Nation

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ST. THERESA POINT / WASAGAMACK AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Department of Indian Affairs, representing the Crown, has presented the "Gathering Strength" document describing the partnership concept; and

WHEREAS, St. Theresa Point and Wasagamack have signed their Treaty Land Entitlement in March 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Crown, through its representative (the Department of Indian Affairs), has entered into the Framework Agreement with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, representing the First Nations of Manitoba to work towards self-government and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, St. Theresa Point First Nation and Wasagamack First Nation, in a joint agreement with the Federal Government (INAC) and the Provincial Government, to construct a major airport facility and an all-weather road connecting the airport with St. Theresa Point to the south and Wasagamack to the north; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government has requested that the First Nations of St. Theresa Point and Wasagamack surrender their reserve lands in order to execute this project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be instructed to support the First Nations of St. Theresa Point and Wasagamack in their negotiations with the Provincial Government not to surrender their reserve lands for the airport location; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be directed to support the St. Theresa Point First Nation and Wasagamack First Nation in their negotiations with both the Federal and Provincial Governments to become owners of the airport facilities; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be instructed to support St. Theresa Point First Nation and Wasagamack First Nation in their negotiations with the Federal and Provincial Governments to implement their own enforcement agency to control and enforce regulations concerning highways and airports; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be instructed to support St. Theresa Point First Nation and Wasagamack First Nation in their negotiations with the Federal and Provincial Governments for special employment and economic development opportunities and socio-economic measures designed to stimulate economic development as it relates to the airport facility.

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Moved by:

Chief Louis Stevenson
Peguis First Nation

**RE: POSITIVE LETTER OF INTERVENTION ON BEHALF
OF TELEVISION NORTHERN CANADA (TVNC)
FROM ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA CHIEFS**

Seconded by:

Chief Felix Antoine
Roseau River First Nation

WHEREAS, there is a scarcity of Aboriginal voices in the mainstream media and a lack of opportunities that exist to be able to tell First Nation stories from a First Nation perspective; and

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has accepted the Television Northern Canada (TVNC) application for public hearing on November 12, 1998 in Ottawa for a National broadcast license; and

WHEREAS, TVNC is a Aboriginal controlled television network currently broadcasting in northern Canada and has created a tremendous boom to the Aboriginal production community and Aboriginal broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, the support from First Nation communities is crucial for a positive letter of intervention will help convince the CRTC that the time has come for a national Aboriginal television network.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recommend that all Chiefs and Councils write positive letters of intervention individually, and a letter from A.M.C. as a whole. Letters must be received by the CRTC before October 19, 1998.

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