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FEB.91-01

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

RE: MORATORIUM ON THE L.R.T. REVIEW

Seconded By:

Chief Jim Thunder
BUFFALO POINT FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Chiefs call for a moratorium on the LRT Review to give the Chiefs and Councils an opportunity to discuss proposed changes with their Band membership;

WHEREAS, the last Indian Act revision (1951) took a significantly longer period without First Nation consultation;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations in Manitoba have been expected to approve a process which commenced approximately one and a half years ago;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First Nations are sovereign nations and must act accordingly;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the moratorium on the L.R.T. Review remain until First Nations of Manitoba receive a commitment that negotiations take place on a Nation to Nation basis.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief contact and urge the Assembly of First Nations and other First Nations across Canada to join in this moratorium.

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Moved By:

RE: SELF-DETERMINATION & FEDERAL LAWS

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Dene, Dakota, Ojibway and Cree First Nations in Manitoba uphold "the peoples" right of self-determination;

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the First Nations in Manitoba uphold their Treaty relationship with the Crown as the foundation for nation to nation, and, government to government relations;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the agenda for First Nations being arbitrarily determined by the department of Indian Affairs involves a legislative program and process to amend the Indian Act without the full and informed knowledge and consent of all First Nations;

WHEREAS, the approach and strategy of the Departmental officials is to give the appearance that this process is "Indian driven", when in reality Departmental officials have organized themselves to retain control of legislative product which is to revise the Indian Act conducive only to their administrative structures;

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister has announced their government's determination to restructure Canada and to accommodate the demands of Quebec with no equal attention and commitment being announced respecting First Nations and the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the First Nations have a duty to protect, promote and preserve their rights and freedoms as distinct peoples;

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RE: SELF-DETERMINATION & FEDERAL LAWS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs of the Dene, Dakota, Ojibway and Cree First Nations in Manitoba declare as follows:

1. All legislative and policy initiatives of the Department of Indian Affairs that derogate, abrogate or violate the inherent right of self determination shall be actively and relentlessly resisted;
2. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, in concert with other First Nations political institutions in Manitoba and elsewhere in Canada shall organize a political movement to stop the agenda of the Department of Indian Affairs who appear intent on amendments to the Indian Act without the full and informed knowledge and consent of the First Nations in Canada;
3. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs determine that the Indian Act must be radically reformed in a manner that reflects the inherent Treaty, and Aboriginal rights of First Nations and that the proper role for the federal government respecting federal laws affecting First Nations in Canada can be accommodated without trenching Indian rights or imposing federal delegated powers or authorities governing the lives and affairs of First Nations in Canada;

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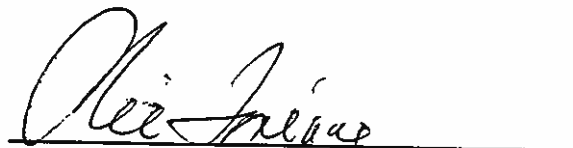
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4. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs shall immediately embark on a process for drafting legislation that properly reflects the role, obligations, responsibilities, and duties of the federal government towards the First Nations in Canada and that this genuinely "Indian driven" process shall be in practise and in effect a substitute to the legislative agenda of the Department of Indian Affairs.

5. The First Nations in Manitoba shall adopt a policy of non-cooperation with the legislative endeavours of the Department of Indian Affairs.

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Moved By:

Chief Jack Fiddler
GARDEN HILL FIRST NATION

RE: CANADA HEALTH ACT

WHEREAS, the Federal Government must support aboriginal and Treaty rights to self determination and empowerment;

Seconded By:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
WATERHEN FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Canada Health Act, 1984 has its purpose, the protection, promotion and restoration of the mental well-being of Canadians;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the federal government's fiduciary responsibility includes ensuring the health and well-being of First Nation people pursuant to Treaty and Aboriginal rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs adopt the following as the governing principles of a First Nation Mental Health Policy:

1. adequate infrastructure, social and economic development and education are components to facilitate the achievement of mental health;
2. First Nations mental health includes the capacity for First Nations to assess, plan, design, implement and evaluate culturally and community - appropriate solutions with the necessary fiscal and human resourcing;
3. each First Nation reserves the right to develop their own mental health programs;

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RE: CANADA HEALTH ACT

4. the development of a mental health program will occur at the pace determined by each First Nation;
5. the federal government has the sole responsibility for resolving jurisdictional barriers which may impede the implementation of First Nations' solutions;
6. A continuum of care in mental health services is a wholistic process and includes a balance of promotion, prevention, treatment and aftercare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that mental health program considerations must include:

- a. community-based and community paced;
- b. community-action planning
- c. culturally appropriate
- d. flexible
- e. comprehensive
- f. responsive;
- g. accessible/available;
- h. funded for research and development for each First Nation to develop and design their own programs.

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FEB.91-04

Moved By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch has developed new non-insured health benefits (N.I.H.B.) procedures to replace existing procedures;

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, M.S.B. expects these new procedures to be implemented by April 1st, 1991;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the N.I.H.B. Working Group has been able to recommend minimal changes, only, to the new procedure;

WHEREAS, changes and additions to the National N.I.H.B. Directives and regional N.I.H.B. administrative procedures will require more time for revisions and reviews;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that M.S.B. postpone the implementation date of the new N.I.H.B. procedures only after adequate revisions and recommendations have been made by the N.I.H.B. Working Group and only after the A.M.C.'s Chief Health Committee has sanctioned the proposed N.I.H.B. procedures.

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Moved By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: PROPOSED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Health Committee has been mandated by resolution of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to develop alternatives to federal transfer policy for establishing First Nation control of health services;

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister has made a commitment to creation of a new relationship between First Nations and Canada;

WHEREAS, in the area of education the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have developed an agreement which provides the framework for a process of research, planning and negotiation to define and establish a new relationship involving First Nation control of education;

WHEREAS, a Framework Agreement in the area of health could provide for a process of research, planning and negotiation whereby First Nations could define and establish control of health services in the way First Nations deem to be appropriate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Secretariat proceed with development of a Framework Agreement on health between the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the development of a Framework Agreement on health proceed under the direction of the Chiefs Health Committee;

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RE: PROPOSED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON HEALTH

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that all decisions and actions relating to the development of a Framework Agreement on health respect the principles of First Nation autonomy and self determination.

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FEB.91-06

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

RE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

WHEREAS, substance abuse continues to be the major First Nation health problem;

Seconded By:

Chief Jim Thunder
BUFFALO POINT FIRST NATION

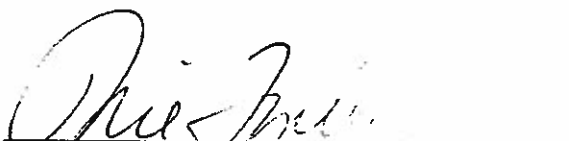
WHEREAS, substance abuse is an extremely complex problem;

WHEREAS, First Nations health care providers requires a forum to discuss current needs and future strategies for addressing substance abuse.

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that funds be secured from Health and Welfare Canada's N.A.D.A.P. Program for a province wide First Nations Workshop on substance abuse.

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Moved By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

**RE: 1964 FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT ON
HEALTH SERVICES**

Seconded By:

Councillor Jim Prince
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the First Nations have taken the position that the provision of quality health services to First Nation communities is a legal obligation pursuant to section 91(24) of the B.N.A. Act of 1867 and the Constitution Act, 1982; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations are in a process of negotiating agreements to transfer health services to First Nations jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, all First Nations are affected by the 1964 Federal Provincial Health Services Agreement which designates specific northern communities to be serviced by either federal or provincial health services,

WHEREAS, both named and unnamed First Nations are being blocked in health transfer by governments using the 1964 Agreement as a device to block health services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the federal government recognize and honour its legal obligations for ensuring that all First Nations in Manitoba have adequate health care services; and

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**RE: 1964 FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT ON
HEALTH SERVICES**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that both federal and provincial governments be called on by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to remove the impediment of the 1964 Agreement and proceed with an orderly transfer of health resources to First Nations;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support and assist the affected Bands in acquiring the necessary financial and human resources to take legal action, if necessary, to achieve the capability for self-determination in health care; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the time frame for acquiring these legal resources, if required, be completed by mid-March 1991.

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FEB.91-08

Moved By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: ADULT CARE

WHEREAS, the number of elderly are increasing, and are living longer therefore requiring more care;

Seconded By:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
WATERHEN FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, resources are not meeting the needs;

WHEREAS, the social services funding is not sufficient to meet the emerging needs;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that positive resourcing be sought for:

- a. appropriate on-going training for care givers;
- b. home care;
- c. more nursing homes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs establish a working group to review the social services program in its entirety to meet the needs of First Nations peoples.

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FEB.91-09

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

RE: NUTRITION

WHEREAS, diabetes has reached epidemic proportions in aboriginal people with drastic end results, such as heart disease, renal failure, blindness, impotence, amputations, birth defects, etc.

Seconded By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the projected cost of this disease is very high;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that preventive steps be taken to increase awareness, such as implementing a school health curriculum multi-media education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the S.U.G.A.R. Group in their Diabetes Outreach Program.

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FEB. 91-10

Moved By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION

WHEREAS, children require healthy and safe learning environments, school health services and health instruction;


Seconded By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the development and implementation of Comprehensive School Health Programs in First Nations communities with funding resources from Indian Affairs and Medical Services.

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FEB.91-11

Moved By: **RE: H.I.V. and AIDS**

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognize that not all Aboriginal communities have received AIDS awareness and information; and

Seconded By:

Councillor Philip Sinclair
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs recognize the importance of confidentiality on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing; and

CARRIED

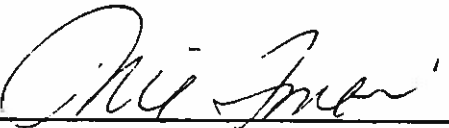
WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch has no policies or procedures in place for HIV testing on aboriginal people; and

WHEREAS, Medical Services Branch nurses or physicians should not conduct or perform HIV testing to the aboriginal people until such time as policies and procedures are developed through consultation with the First Nations communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs fully supports the Manitoba Regional AIDS Steering Committee on their opposition to any seroprevalance studies for the HIV study to be conducted until the First Nations communities feel they have been properly informed and are ready.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Medical Services Branch and the Province not to record ethnicity as part of the HIV testing.

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Moved By:

Chief Dennis Whitebird
ROLLING RIVER FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: WORKING GROUP ON DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, First Nations suffer the worst health conditions in Canada, many inadequacies in health services and an array of emerging health problems;

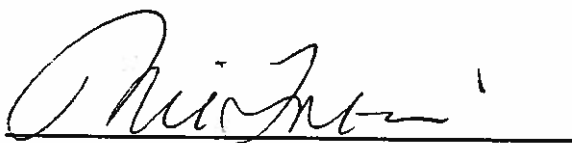
WHEREAS, effectively addressing complex First Nation health needs requires comprehensive study of health conditions and health service delivery arrangements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat secure funding for such a comprehensive study of First Nations health needs for on and off reserve;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that funds for the study be provided by both Health and Welfare Canada and the Manitoba Health Services Commission.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the study be conducted under the direction of the Chiefs Committee on Health.

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Moved By:

Chief Harvey Nepinak
WATERHEN FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

CARRIED

Abstentions: (2)

RE: COMMUNITY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Community Health and Human Services Steering Committee was mandated by resolution no. 47/89 of the Manitoba Chiefs General Assembly to develop an accredited Health and Human Services Worker Training Plan;

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has fulfilled its mandate to the extent that Yellowquill College has been selected to deliver the program in Community Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, further development work will be required to prepare for full implementation of the training program by April 1, 1991;

WHEREAS, funding sources requires an incorporated body to administer training funds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the existing Community Health and Human Services Steering Committee continue in its mandate to oversee the remaining developmental activities required to prepare for full implementation of the training program scheduled to begin April 1, 1991.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steering Committee oversee the delivery of the training program.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs approve the plan and structure as recommended by the Steering Committee and the Chiefs Health Committee.

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RE: COMMUNITY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Health and Services Steering Committee and the Chiefs Health Committee be incorporated to receive and administer funding for the training program.

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FEB.91-14

Moved By:

RE: ACCESS PROGRAMS

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the success rate in ACCESS Programs are at 40 to 70 percent across seventeen programs; and

Seconded By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the department of Indian Affairs have indicators of a 5 percent success rate of aboriginal students in regular programs; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for aboriginal health professionals such as doctors, nurses, dentists, physio and occupational therapists to service native communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a very real possibility that the ACCESS programs may be cut in this years provincial budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to continue and expand all ACCESS programs.

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FEB.91-15

Moved By:

Chief Rod Bushie
HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION

**RE: HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION COMMUNITY
HOLISTIC CIRCLE HEALING**

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the First Nation of Hollow Water is in crisis around the pain of sexual abuse and family violence;

WHEREAS, this community has developed a model that is community-based and holistic in nature to address this crisis;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the community needs additional and on-going resources to assist in its long-term healing process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support in principle this approach developed within the First Nation of Hollow Water;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support in principle this approach as it can be applied to the First Nations in the process of healing around the issues of Sexual Abuse and Family Violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that the federal government honour their fiduciary obligations to provide funding for this healing process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby at all levels to ensure that such funding is implemented immediately.

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FEB.91-16

Moved By:

Chief Vera Mitchell
POPLAR RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH STAFFING

Seconded By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, it is reported that the A\Director of Medical Services Branch (South Zone), Ms. Charlotte Johnson, is to be re-assigned to direct a re-organization of M.S.B. Manitoba Region; and

CARRIED

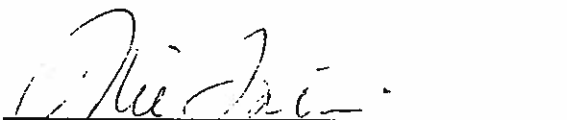
WHEREAS, the Chiefs of the Southeast Resource Development Council have, by formal resolution, protested the involvement of this federal official in unsubstantiated allegations of criminal activity made against several S.E.R.D.C. Chiefs, and have demanded by resolution the removal of this official from the M.S.B. Manitoba Region; and

WHEREAS, the malicious or misguided involvement of federal officials in unsubstantiated allegations against elected leaders of First Nations indicates disrespect and insensitivity to First Nations and to basic principles of responsible behaviour and fundamental justice; and

WHEREAS, an official in charge of, or involved in, a reorganization of Medical Services Branch will be in a position to directly affect the interests and well-being of all Manitoba First Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs hereby expresses its disapproval of M.S.B. continuing to employ Ms. Charlotte Johnson in any capacity in the Manitoba Region and calls upon the Regional Director General of M.S.B. and the Department of Health and Welfare Canada to respect and act upon this resolution.

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FEB. 91-17

Moved By:

Chief Lester Everett
BERENS RIVER FIRST NATION

**RE: SUPPORT FOR BERENS RIVER YOUTH WILDERNESS
CAMP**

Seconded By:

Chief Rod Bushie
HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, Berens River First Nation is developing a wilderness camp to provide culturally appropriate care for native youth experiencing behavioural, emotional and abuse problems;


WHEREAS, the proposed camp address an existing void in the child welfare system;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the proposed camp intends to provide services to youth from First Nations of the Southeast Tribal Council region and, when possible, to youth of all Manitoba First Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs endorses and supports the Berens River First Nation in establishing the planned wilderness camp in the area of Pigeon River.

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FEB. 91-18

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

RE: MANITOBA REGION SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

WHEREAS, First Nations are currently administering the social services programs in accordance with Manitoba Region Social Development Manual; and,

Seconded By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, Manitoba Region Social Development Manual is designed without input by First Nations; and,

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there are numerous misinterpretations and discrepancies in policy administration for First Nation citizens residing on and off Indian Reserves; and,

WHEREAS, there is a double standard in the provision of services to First Nation citizens living on and off the reserve; and,

WHEREAS, it is evident that a review and evaluation of the current policies and guidelines of Manitoba Region is necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs direct the Indian Affairs Social Development Program to provide services and benefits equivalent to those that are available to First Nation citizens living off reserve to First Nation citizens living on reserve.

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FEB. 91-19

Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

**RE: AD HOC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON JOINT
MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

Seconded By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, First Nation leaders are responsible to their membership for ensuring that health services are planned and delivered to provide optimum benefit to First Nations;

WHEREAS, at the present time such responsibility can best be served through arrangements for joint-management of health services in partnership with the federal government;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Health Committee and the Manitoba Region of Medical Services Branch have identified the development of jointly agreed to mechanisms and protocols for joint management and consultation as a priority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs Health Committee appoint an Ad Hoc Technical Committee to proceed with development of appropriate mechanisms and protocols for implementing joint-management arrangements in the Manitoba Region of Medical Services Branch;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ad Hoc Technical Committee be comprised of health advisors from AMC, MKO, FNC, SERDC and other First Nation advisors as required;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee be referred to the Chiefs Committee on Health prior to implementation.

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Moved By:

Chief Frank Abraham
LITTLE BLACK RIVER
FIRST NATION

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

**RE: FIRST NATION CONTROL OF THE J.A. HILDES
NORTHERN MEDICAL UNIT**

WHEREAS, the J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit provides medical services to many First Nations of Manitoba under contract arrangements with the Medical Services Branch and the Manitoba Health Services Commission;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Northern Medical Unit has been accountable under these contract arrangements only to the contracting agencies and not to First Nations;

WHEREAS, the Northern Medical Unit should be accountable to First Nations for services to First Nations and this is acknowledged by the administrators of Northern Medical Unit;

WHEREAS, the administrators of the Northern Medical Unit have offered their support to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in negotiating First Nation control of contract arrangements and resources supporting delivery of Northern Medical Unit Services to First Nations;

WHEREAS, those First Nations receiving services from the Northern Medical Unit can best assess appropriate strategy on this matter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs Health Committee appoint an Ad Hoc Technical Committee comprised of advisors to those First Nations receiving Northern Medical Unit services;

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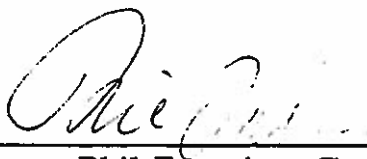
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**RE: FIRST NATION CONTROL OF THE J.A. HILDES
NORTHERN MEDICAL UNIT**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Technical
Committee consider how best to establish
accountability to First Nations and advise the
Chiefs Health Committee on an appropriate course
of action.**

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FEB.91-21

Moved By:

Chief Dennis Pashe
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

**RE: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE LINKAGES TO
THE CHIEFS HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Seconded By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Health Committee has been mandated by the Chiefs of Manitoba to address health matters of common concern to the First Nations of Manitoba;

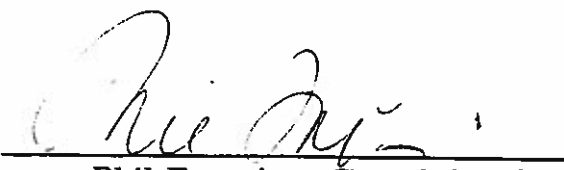
CARRIED

WHEREAS, technical work on health matters of common concern to the First Nations of Manitoba is currently carried out through many committees of First Nation health advisors and government officials;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish and define linkages between the Chiefs Health Committee and the various Technical Advisory Committees addressing health issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all Technical Advisory Committees prepare submissions to the Chiefs Health Committee which outline membership, mandate, activities and objectives of the technical advisory committee and name a spokesperson to report to the Chiefs Health Committee as required.

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FEB. 91-22

Moved By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

RE: CROSS LAKE SOLVENT ABUSE TREATMENT CENTRE

WHEREAS, Cross Lake First Nation has for many years pursued the establishment of a Solvent Abuse Treatment Centre on their reserve;

Seconded By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION


WHEREAS, such a Treatment Centre would address major un-met First Nations health needs;

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak have given their full support to the establishment of the Cross Lake Solvent Abuse Treatment Centre;

CARRIED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs supports the establishment of the Cross Lake Solvent Abuse Treatment Centre.

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FEB.91-23

Moved By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

RE: ABORIGINAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

WHEREAS, Aboriginal commercial fishermen in Manitoba are in need of contracting there own fishing resource;

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

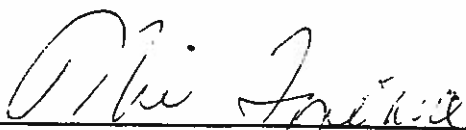
WHEREAS, Aboriginal commercial fishermen are not adequately represented by existing fishermen associations;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable for aboriginal commercial fishermen to have their elected representatives (Chief's and Council) participate on their behalf;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs request Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and the Department of Mines and Natural Resources to sponsor an all Chiefs Assembly to discuss the present and future needs of Aboriginal Commercial Fishermen of Manitoba.

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FEB. 91-24

Moved By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

**RE: FIRST NATION REPRESENTATION
 ON HOSPITAL BOARDS**

WHEREAS, First Nations people suffer the worst health conditions in Manitoba;

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, First Nations people are over represented as patients of the hospital system;

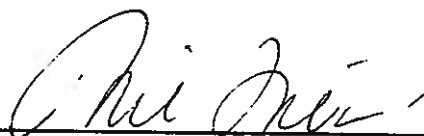
WHEREAS, with few exceptions, First Nations people have been excluded from membership on the Board of Director of hospitals;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, such exclusion of First Nations people is irrational, intolerable and racist;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minister of Health for Manitoba immediately take all necessary action to ensure equitable representation of First Nations people on all hospital Boards including the Board of the Manitoba Health Services Commission.

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FEB.91-25

Moved By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: TRADITIONAL HEALING LODGE

WHEREAS, First Nation traditions and spiritual practices contribute greatly to the strength, health and well-being of aboriginal peoples;

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the development of a Traditional Healing Lodge would provide a cultural resource which could address the needs of many aboriginal people;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, a Traditional Healing Lodge would provide a focus for many who wish to learn and participate in First Nation cultural traditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat proceed with a study to determine ways and means of developing a Traditional Healing Lodge which is compatible with the varied traditions of First Nations in Manitoba.

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FEB.91-26

Moved By:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

**RE: ELDERS COUNCIL ON TRADITIONAL HEALING &
SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**

WHEREAS, the Elders are the keepers of First Nation traditions and spiritual knowledge;

Seconded By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, First Nation traditions and spiritual knowledge are properly passed to those who seek them through meetings with Elders;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there is a need to facilitate meetings of First Nations Elders to nurture our cultures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat coordinate and facilitate arrangements for a First Nations Elders Conference on Traditional Healing and Spiritual Practises.

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FEB.91-27

Moved By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

RE: REPRESENTATION OF ELECTED LEADERS

WHEREAS, all Chiefs are elected as leaders by the members of their respective Band;

Seconded By:

Chief Dennis Pashe
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Chiefs as leaders are required to be present in the community to provide the necessary leadership;

WHEREAS, leaders of non-aboriginal communities are not prevented from being present in their communities;

CARRIED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the right of all Chiefs to provide leadership in their communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the right of communities to be represented by the leaders they elect as Chief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs affirm the jurisdiction of First Nations to govern their communities without interference from non-aboriginal governments.

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FEB.91-28

Moved By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: CO-MANAGEMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, The Department of Indian Affairs - Manitoba Region has instituted the co-management process in several Bands;

Seconded By:

Chief Dennis Pashe
DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Department generally appoints co-managers without consulting the Chief and Council;

CARRIED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department instruct the co-manager to follow the terms of reference for co-management and consult the Chief and Council at all times.

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Moved By:
Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

**RE: APPEARANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO
MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS BEFORE THE
MANITOBA TASK FORCE ON THE CONSTITUTION**

Seconded By:
Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the All-Party Manitoba Task Force on the Constitution has convened public hearings to receive submissions on matters pertaining to the priorities, substance and processes for future Constitutional change in Canada; and,

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Constitutional issues pertaining to the rights and interests of First Nations are indisputably central to future constitutional discussions and amendments; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Dorothy Dobbie, M.P. for Winnipeg South and Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs appeared before the Manitoba Task Force but failed to make any mention of aboriginal constitutional issues; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Government policy acknowledges that aboriginal constitutional issues:

1. remain unresolved,
2. are deserving of resolution, and
3. will be addressed at a future First Minister's Constitutional Conference involving First Nations leaders;

WHEREAS, Ms. Dobbie's submission to the Task Force can only be interpreted as gross incompetence by Ms. Dobbie or as evidence of the insincerity of federal aboriginal policy;

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**RE: APPEARANCE OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Ms. Dorothy Dobbie be called upon to either apologize and rectify this omission in writing to both the Manitoba Task Force and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, or to forthwith submit her resignation as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs.

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FEB.91-30

Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

RE: MUTUAL SUPPORT PROTOCOL

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, non-aboriginal individuals and organizations have showed a great deal of support for the First Nations agenda as advanced by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs throughout the Meech Lake and Mohawk crisis; and

CARRIED

WHEREAS, many non-aboriginal individuals and organizations have again demonstrated their support for the First Nations agenda by appearing in large numbers before the Manitoba Constitutional Task Force in support of the six principles for constitutional justice advanced by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, many non-aboriginal organizations have indicated a willingness to formalize their support for the positions taken by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to formalize relationships with non-aboriginal organizations in their support of the First Nations agenda through developing protocols for mutual support and cooperation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs negotiate a series of mutual support protocols to formalize relationships with non-aboriginal organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these protocols respect the existing structures of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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Moved By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

CARRIED

RE: FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

WHEREAS, at a meeting of Aboriginal people in Regina on January 19th, 20th, and 21st, it was recognized that ways and means have to be identified to keep Aboriginal issues on the local, regional and national and international agenda; and

WHEREAS, it was recognized that the international border is an arbitrary division separating First Nations in Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, it was recognized that structures and processes need to be identified and implemented to provide a forum for First Nations of Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, at the above mentioned meeting in Regina it was suggested that the planned meeting for 1991 be held in Winnipeg in June as a result of other activities planned for that time; and

WHEREAS, it was further recommended that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs host the proposed First Nation Summit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs advise the organizers of the First Nations Summit that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is prepared to co-host the proposed conference subject to the participation of other Aboriginal organizations in Manitoba.

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FEB. 91-32

Moved By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

RE: MEECH LAKE DOCUMENTARY

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba supported by other First Nations in Canada prevented the passage of Meech Lake;

Seconded By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, this event represents a great victory in the history of the struggle of aboriginal peoples;

CARRIED

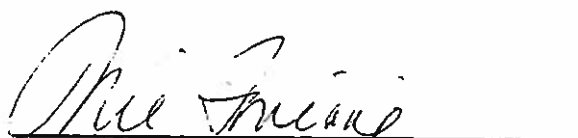
WHEREAS, the aboriginal peoples supported their leaders in great numbers;

WHEREAS, the First Nations were supported by non-aboriginal peoples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs record this historical event;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief take necessary steps to ensure that the events respecting the Meech Lake Accord are recorded on film.

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FEB.91-33

Moved By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: GASOLINE TAX ACT

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba are exempt from the provincial taxation under the Gasoline Tax Act;

Seconded By:

Chief David Crate
FISHER RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has entered an agreement with the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation for tax exemptions on gasoline purchased in their community;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, other First Nations in Manitoba currently have facilities for gasoline distribution; and still other First Nations have plans to establish such facilities;


WHEREAS, any status Indian has a inherent and treaty right to exemptions on the Gasoline Tax;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has illegally collected a tax on gasoline purchases on reserves in Manitoba;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demands the Province of Manitoba cease and desist in the collection of this tax and make arrangements with all First Nations for tax exemptions on sales of gasoline;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Province of Manitoba set up a mechanism with First Nations to discuss monetary compensation plus interest owing to First Nations.

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FEB. 91-34

Moved By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

**RE: JEAN CHRETIEN'S PRESENTATION TO THE
 BELANGER-CAMPEAU CONSTITUTIONAL TASK FORCE**

Seconded By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Belanger-Campeau Constitutional Task Force have convened public hearings to receive submissions and matters pertaining to the priorities, substance and processes for future constitutional change in Canada; and,


WHEREAS, Constitutional issues pertaining to the rights and interests of First Nations are indisputably central to future constitutional discussions and amendments; and,

WHEREAS, Jean Chretien, Federal Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, appeared before the Constitutional Task Force but failed to make any mention of aboriginal constitutional issues;

WHEREAS, the Federal Liberal Party has stated support for aboriginal constitutional issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs demand that Mr. Jean Chretien apologize and rectify this omission in writing to both the Constitutional Task Force and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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FEB. 91-35

Moved By:

RE: MINING EXPLORATION ON TREATY LAND

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has issued a permit pursuant to the Crown Lands Act Section 9 (1) (c) authorizing mining exploration in our Treaty Land Entitlement selection area;

Seconded By:

Chief Raymond Swan
LAKE MANITOBA FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the permit states the proponent requires permission from the Band to proceed with the work and take equipment on to the reserve;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the lands covered by the permit are Aboriginal hunting grounds;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs and Council are opposed to mining exploration and harvesting of timber until the Treaty Land Entitlement is settled;

WHEREAS, the Chief and Council have decided to refuse permission to this proponent to proceed with the work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Chief and Council of Shoal River Indian Band in its refusal to give permission to the proponent to proceed with the work.

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FEB. 91-36

Moved By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

RE: HARVESTING OF FUEL WOOD

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has notified the members of the Shoal River First Nation that we require permits for cutting fuel wood;

Seconded By:

Chief Bill Traverse
JACKHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, we have never required permits to cut fuel wood in the area selected for our reserve;

WHEREAS, the Conservation Officers are harassing our people for cutting without permits;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the members of the Band are cutting wood in areas included in the Treaty Land Entitlement selection areas;

WHEREAS, the Chief and Council have rejected the requirements of a permit to cut wood;

WHEREAS, the Chief and Council have instructed their people to ignore the requirements of permits and to continue cutting wood without a permit;

WHEREAS, the Chief and Council wish to launch a legal challenge to the requirement of a permit to cut wood;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the Chief and Council of the Shoal River Band to stop the harassment of their people.

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Moved By:

Chief Peter Yellowquill
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION

RE: GULF CRISIS

Seconded By:

Chief Ron Cook
SHOAL RIVER FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has committed the Canadian Forces to participation in the Coalition Forces currently deployed in the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has chosen to pursue a very costly military campaign when it is evident that all other alternatives for a peaceful resolution to the conflict have not been exhausted, especially economic sanctions; and

WHEREAS, Canada's reputation as an international peacemaker is once again seriously threatened; and

WHEREAS, heavy military spending has lead to widespread social spending cutbacks, causing further hardship for the First Nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:

1. express their concern for the safety of all soldiers engaged in the Gulf War and for the well-being of their families; and
2. demand the Government of Canada attempt to find a peaceful solution to the gulf crisis in concert to all of the other countries that are interested in a peaceful solution; and

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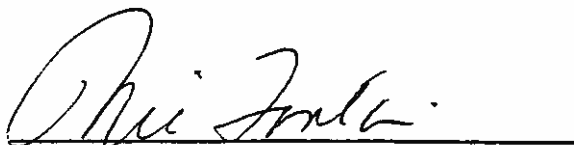
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3. demand that Canada's participation not be at the expense of social programs; and
4. demand that Canada's participation not prohibit the fulfilment of Canada's legal and moral obligations to the First Nations.

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Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

Seconded By:

Chief Harold Turner
GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION

CARRIED

Abstentions: (2)

RE: MANITOBA INDIAN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Manitoba Indian Agricultural Program (M.I.A.P.) was established as a result of an initiative of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood under the control of Indian Farmers to assist Indian Farmers in Manitoba, and;

WHEREAS, over time the control of M.I.A.P. has passed from both the Indian Farmers and the Chiefs of Manitoba to a Board which is self-perpetuating, and;

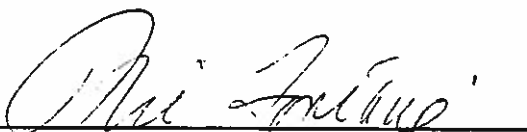
WHEREAS, numerous efforts undertaken to ensure accountability of M.I.A.P. to the Indian Farmers and the Chiefs of Manitoba have not been successful, and;

WHEREAS, a Committee of Chiefs has been mandated to undertake a review of M.A.R.A. subject to resolution 90-07 passed at the November 1990 Assembly, and;

WHEREAS, the management of M.A.R.A. has been uncooperative and has attempted to interfere with the decisions taken by the Chiefs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs support the composition of and terms of reference adopted by the Chiefs Review Committee.

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Moved By:

Chief Pascal Bighetty
MATHIAS COLOMB FIRST NATION

RE: RETAIL SALES TAX ACT

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba had entered discussions with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to resolve issues surrounding the provincial Retail Sales Tax Act;

Seconded By:

Chief Wendell Sinclair
BROKENHEAD FIRST NATION

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba has totally ignored the recommendations by a Committee representing the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs on provincial taxation matters;

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba did not consult with the Chiefs and Councils of First Nations in Manitoba prior to passage of Bill 20 in the Manitoba Legislature with Royal Assent of December 14, 1990;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba illegally collects taxes on purchases of retail goods by status Indians both on and off reserves;

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba through Bill 20 further reinforces the collection of illegal taxes from status Indians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs initiate legal action against the Province of Manitoba to protect exemptions for status Indians on retail purchases in Manitoba to prevent a violation of Treaty and Aboriginal rights.

*Certified copy of a Resolution Adopted on
February 14th, 1991; WINNIPEG, Manitoba*



Phil Fontaine, Grand Chief