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JAN-07.1

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE 17 TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC MANDATE FOR RESEARCH

Moved by:

Chief Norman Bone Keeseekoowenin First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Marcel Balfour Norway House Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has been engaged in research and in 2003 established a research and policy development unit; and

WHEREAS, research funding agencies require funded entities to have a specific research mandate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby adopts a new provision within Article 17 of the AMC Constitution, which details the responsibilities of the AMC Secretariat to provide a research mandate as follows:

"To implement Manitoba First Nations self-determination, control and jurisdiction in research and reliable, accurate statistics, based on First Nations principles of ownership, control, access and possession (OCAP) of First Nations data and information; free prior and informed consent; and First Nations ethical standards.

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RE: DELETE SECTION 3.3, APPENDIX B - QUORUM

Moved by:

Chief Billyjo De La Ronde Pine Creek Anishinaabe Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ovide Mercredi Misipawistik Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed a resolution on November 2001 to amend the AMC Constitution to allow business to continue with a minimum of twenty-one (21) Chiefs, once quorum has been established; and

WHEREAS, the application of Section 3.3, has resulted in ambiguities in the Chiefs-in-Assembly Rules & Procedures, Appendix B of the AMC Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 3.3 be deleted from the AMC Constitution and the Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt a new provision which states:

"Once a quorum is established at the commencement of an Assembly each day, pursuant to section 3.1, the Chiefs-in-Assembly may conduct business and pass resolutions notwithstanding a quorum does not exist throughout the remainder of the Assembly that day."

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Chiefs-in-Assembly encourage all Chiefs to ensure regular attendance or the attendance of their official representative/proxies at all AMC Assemblies.

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RE: FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT INITIATIVE

Moved by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone Keeseekoowenin First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Canada entered into an agreement entitled "The Dismantling of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Restoration of Jurisdictions to First Nations Peoples in Manitoba and Recognition of First Nations Governments in Manitoba" (the "Framework Agreement Initiative") on December 7, 1994; and

WHEREAS, in January 2006, the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandated a Chiefs Committee ("CRC") to review the Framework Agreement Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the CRC review has concluded that there are a number of serious concerns with the current Framework Agreement Initiative, including Canada's approach to negotiations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The current negotiations under the Framework Agreement Initiative be discontinued until Canada demonstrates political will and commitment to a new approach:

- 1. that proceeds on a nation to nation basis with negotiations occurring at the First Nation leadership and ministerial level;
- 2. beyond the limitations of the federal Inherent Right Policy.
- 3. that includes a new fiscal relationship consistent with the nation to nation approach;
- 4. in which the needs of First Nation people are paramount;
- 5. that provides for a level playing field;
- 6. that ensures consultations and decision making with First Nations at every stage of negotiations, and

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RE: FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT INITIATIVE

7. continues to provide financial support for self-government research, development and negotiation support in anticipation of a renewed goodwill negotiation approach

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Moved by:

Chief Terry Nelson Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Norman Bone Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

RE: AMC CHIEFS GAMING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION DATED JANUARY 23-25, 2007 & MOTIONS DATED JANUARY 9TH, 2007

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee has been established to review and recommend action regarding all gaming related issues; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee has passed three motions for approval by the Chiefs-in-Assembly, and has presented these at this Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the AMC Executive Committee supports these three motions for approval at this Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly support the work of the Chiefs Gaming Committee, and approve the following three motions of the Gaming Committee:

- 1. "That the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee adopt the First Nation Casino Trust Agreement with the change of the definition of *Beneficiary* to include all 63 First Nations as defined by the Indian Act".
- 2. "That the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee recommend that the current balance in the First Nation Casino Trust Fund in the amount of \$924,291 be held collectively in a separate Trust Account; and Further, these funds be held for a collective investment by all First Nations. If no collective investment is found prior to the end of the Casino Waiver period, the funds and interest earned will once again be considered for distribution".
- 3. "That the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee approve the First Nation Economic Development Fund and recommend that the Terms of Reference for the Fund be brought for ratification at the next AMC Chiefs Assembly (Jan 23rd-25th, 2007); and Further, that this Motion in no way limits the Chiefs' ability to continue to negotiate for additional funds from the Province of Manitoba".

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Chiefs Gaming Committee move to implement the above approved Motions as quickly as possible.

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Moved by:

Chief Linda Twoheart Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Deborah Chief Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

RE: CULTURE, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (C.E.P.S) YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, First Nation Youth under the age of thirty (30) comprise more than 65% of our regional population, and investing in the development of our young First Nation citizens would be an effective approach to prepare future generations for the challenges of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, young First Nation citizens from across Manitoba have repeatedly requested enhanced capacity for youth empowerment and leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, First Nation Youth across Canada have developed a Leadership Development Framework that is consistent with the areas of priority for current Leadership including, culture, economic development, political involvement, and social development; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Youth Secretariat has taken a lead role in the development and implementation of the Culture, Economic, Political, Social Development (C.E.P.S) Youth Leadership Development Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in collaboration with the Manitoba First Nation Youth Council Initiative develop a long term strategy for youth inclusion, youth empowerment, and youth leadership development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chiefs- in-Assembly fully support the efforts of the Manitoba First Nation Youth Council Initiative and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Youth Secretariat in promoting the CEPS Youth Leadership Development initiative across Manitoba region.

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Moved by:

Chief Linda Twoheart Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Deborah Chief Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

CARRIED

RE: REGIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Royal Commission of Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP), Aboriginal Justice Inquiry (AJI) and other studies have clearly demonstrated the justice system has failed our people; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiers Youth Secretariat has consulted with First Nation youth on specific youth justice issues at the 5th Regional Youth Gathering, RCMP-Aboriginal Youth National Consultation, Winnipeg Police Service- Aboriginal Youth Consultations, and the National Aboriginal Youth Strategy regional consultations; and

WHEREAS, our First Nation youth desire to advocate for and develop a more effective youth justice system; and

WHEREAS, First Nations youth will gather together utilizing the United Nations Model to establish the foundation for a Regional Youth Justice Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs assist the Manitoba First Nation Youth Advisory Committee and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Youth Secretariat establish and maintain appropriate funding to develop and implement a Regional Youth Justice Initiative based on the resolutions that emerge from the Model United Nations Youth Forum on Justice on February 25th to 27th, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Regional Youth Justice Initiative as a progressive approach to creating a more effective justice system for all First Nation citizens.

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Grand Chief Ron Eváns

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RE: FIRST NATION PERSONAL CARE HOME LICENSING AUTHORITY - LEGAL ENTITY

Moved by:

Chief Ken Whitecloud Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Linda Twoheart Sagkeeng First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) issued a directive in July 2002 to provincially license on-reserve Manitoba First Nation Personal Care Homes (FNPCH); and

WHEREAS, the First Nations Personal Care Home Networking Group has been working cooperatively with INAC and Manitoba Health to meet the necessary licensing requirements (including capital upgrades, developing provincial standards and the development of a resident paneling process) before March 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution JAN-03.16 supporting the concept of a First Nations Personal Care Home Licensing Authority (FNACHLA) and directed AMC to negotiate a draft funding agreement with the Federal and Provincial Health Ministers that will enable the First Nations to implement their inherent authority to license and regulate Personal Care Homes within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the recently proposed funding formula methodologies from Manitoba and Canada include a high number of variables that do not reflect First Nations' circumstances that may result in under funding for FNPCH's; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding agreements for Level IV care between Regional Health Authorities (RHA's) and FNPCH's dilute First Nations political stature as a regulatory regime.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of the "First Nations Personal Care Home Licensing Authority," which will be responsible for licensing and monitoring First Nations Personal Care Homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an interim Board of Directors be comprised of First Nations Personal Care Home Directors and two (2) Chiefs appointed by the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs.

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RE: FIRST NATION PERSONAL CARE HOME LICENSING AUTHORITY – LEGAL ENTITY

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors report to the AMC Executive Council of Chiefs, who in turn reports to the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that FNPCHLA use the Manitoba Personal Care Home regulations and standards in the interim until the adoption of First Nations Personal Care Home regulations and standards;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC to support the FNPCHLA in negotiating a single funding agreement with the Province of Manitoba for Level IV care and a funding formula with Canada and the Province of Manitoba for Levels I, II, III and IV care; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct AMC to continue negotiating a draft funding agreement with the Federal and Provincial Health Ministers that will enable the First Nations to implement their inherent authority to license and regulate Personal Care Homes within their jurisdictions.

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Moved by:

Chief Ken Whitecloud Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Seconded by:

Councilor Lloyd Sinclair, Proxy Peguis First Nation

CARRIED

RE: NON-RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, First Nations have the inherent right to self-determination, and by virtue of that right, to determine their political status and to pursue and promote their distinct political, legal, economic, social, cultural, linguistic, educational and spiritual development, authority and jurisdiction over their peoples, lands and territories; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) was established in 1988 as a political advocacy body and as a successor to previous political organizations on common issues, and is representative of the member First Nation governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly re-affirm their position that First Nation governments recognize the portability of Treaty and Aboriginal Rights for all First Nation citizens and that First Nation governments have jurisdiction over their respective First Nations citizens regardless of residency; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly do not recognize any self-proclaimed or Crown government-created "Aboriginal organizations or organizations" which purport to represent First Nations citizens; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in- Assembly hereby direct the AMC Grand Chief to communicate this resolution of non-recognition of aboriginal organizations to the federal, provincial, municipal governments and Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal organizations.

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JAN-07.12

RE: TAXATION OF FIRST NATION CORPORATIONS SITUATED ON RESERVE LANDS

Moved by:

Chief Glen Ross Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ovide Mercredi Misipawistik Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the First Nations of Manitoba recognize the importance of maintaining a collective approach towards achieving economic independence and the development of an economic base capable and comparable to other Canadians; and

WHEREAS, First Nations are concerned with the potential taxation of First Nations corporations situated on-reserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby adopt a collective stance and direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to initiate discussions with the Province of Manitoba to ensure that First Nations' entities such as corporations remain exempt from Provincial taxation statutes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, with the assistance of First Nations and their corporations, to develop a legal fund to collectively address First Nations' corporate taxation issues.

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JAN-07.13

RE: GST & PST TAX EXEMPTION

Moved by:

Chief Glen Ross Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ted Bland York Factory First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Federal and Provincial governments attempt to collect Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Provincial Sales Tax (PST) for transactions crossing into reserve boundaries; and

WHEREAS, First Nations have underlying title to all lands situated in Manitoba; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to negotiate the exclusion of all First Nation people from the imposition of PST and GST in Manitoba.

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JAN-07.14

RE: RESCINDING OF RESOLUTION NO. AUG-06.16 FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME/EFFECTS (FAS/E) FUNDING - HEALTH CANADA

Moved by:

Chief Deborah Chief Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Viola Eastman Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution No. Aug-06.16 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects (FAS/E) Funding - Health Canada in August 2006; and

WHEREAS, the mover and seconder of this Resolution have agreed on the need to rescind this resolution based on its potential negative impacts on existing FAS/E programming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the mover and seconder in rescinding Resolution No. Aug-06.16 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects (FAS/E) Funding - Health Canada.

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JAN-07.15

RE: MINING INDUSTRY

Moved by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo Rolling River Anishinaabe Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Terrence Nelson Roseau River Anishinaabe Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nation employees in the primary industry of resource extraction (mining) who receive training do not have this training recognized by the Province of Manitoba and other segments of that industry; and

WHEREAS, the training received by those First Nation employees is not recognized or transferable and places these employees at an employable disadvantage, and

WHEREAS, other resource extraction sites will be developed and First Nation employees will continue to be at a disadvantage; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba appears reluctant to recognize this type of training; and

WHEREAS, the lack of recognition and accreditation by the Province of Manitoba prevents First Nation employees from achieving journeyman status in their respective occupations; and

WHEREAS, the employment of First Nation peoples is a priority for all First Nation governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of accredited training programs for First Nation employees involved in the mining sector.

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JAN-07.16

RE: DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL UNITY ACCORD ON FIRST NATION HEALTH

Moved by:

Chief Marcel Balfour Norway House Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Glen Ross Opaskwayak Cree Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the three Grand Chiefs of Manitoba and the Chiefs Task Force on Health, proposed on October 25, 2006, the development of a Political Unity Accord that would reflect the perspectives of AMC, MKIO, and SCO as a step towards working together to address health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Task Force on Health support the establishment of a Political Unity Accord on Health that will strengthen unity amongst the three political organizations and Manitoba First Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Task Force on Health agree that it is crucial that there be a single united approach on First Nations Health; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Task Force on Health agree on the need for a clear message to First Nations peoples, Federal and Provincial governments to show that there is unity on First Nations Health in Manitoba; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly sanction the development of a "Political Unity Accord on Health" to reflect the perspectives of the three political organizations of AMC, MKIO, and SCO as a step towards working together to address health issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the development of a "Political Unity Accord on Health" shall be based on our inherent rights to Self-determination and Self-governance, as affirmed by our sacred Treaties.

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JAN-07.17

RE: MILK PRICE CONTROLS IN RURAL AND NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

Moved by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo Rolling River Anishnabe Nation

Seconded by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Province of Manitoba controls the price of liquor sold in stores regardless of geographical location; and

WHEREAS the Province controls the operation and production of milk which is regulated under *The Dairy Act*; and

WHEREAS the Province does not regulate or control the price of milk as is the case with liquor; and

WHEREAS, the price of milk in rural and northern communities is more expensive than the southern region of the Province and is, at times, more expensive than an equal quantity of liquor; and

WHEREAS, the availability of fresh milk is an essential component of healthy living, especially for children, and is one cornerstone of *Canada's Food Guide To Health Eating*, while liquor is not; and

WHEREAS, Canada's Food Guide To Healthy Eating suggests that children 4-9 years consume 2-3 servings per day, children 10-16 years consume 3-4 servings per day, adults consume 2-4 servings per day and breast-feeding women consume 3-4 servings per day. The same cannot be said for liquor; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse is the largest socio-economic crisis in rural and northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Province has placed more effort into supplying affordable liquor to rural and northerly communities than any other consumable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby the Province to regulate and control the price of milk in rural and northern communities in the same way as liquor is regulated and controlled by the *The Liquor Control Act*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMC lobby the Province to amend the *Dairy Act* to include similar pricing controls as are found in section 51(1) of the *Liquor Control Act*, to ensure that the price of milk in rural and northern communities is the same across the Province regardless of geographical location.

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JAN-07.18

RE: FIRST NATION EDUCATION RESOURCING

Moved by:

Chief Linda Twoheart Sagkeeng First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Murray Clearsky Waywayseecappo First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Federal Treasury Board 2008 Authority Renewal Process includes the renewal of authorities including the Band Operated Funding Formula and Post Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS, First Nations education authorities in Manitoba have identified the need for sustainable, predictable and adequate resourcing for all aspects of a comprehensive, linguistically and culturally-relevant education system based on meeting student needs and the unique cost drivers in First Nation schools; and

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba need additional resourcing for inschool programming and increased post-secondary student support to address improved graduation rates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs to continue to engage in regional and national strategies to remove capping on education funds, and strategies to lead to increased resourcing for all aspects of First Nations education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs continue to work in partnership with First Nation Education Directors/Technicians, MFNERC, federal and provincial governments, and other stakeholders in conducting research, identifying long-term funding requirements, developing an education data base, and developing strategies to address improved student outcomes for First Nations students in both First Nation-controlled and provincial education systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs lobby INAC to ensure that funding for First Nation schools is based on actual student numbers and the unique cost drivers associated with First Nations schools in Manitoba rather than the current situation of having inadequate funding based on short-term proposals and the previous year's nominal roll.

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JAN-07.19

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE EAST SIDE TRANSMISSION LINE

Moved by:

Chief David McDougall St. Theresa Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ted Bland York Factory First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, construction of the proposed transmission line down the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg would be the third major transmission line to bring power from Manitoba Hydro's northern generating stations to the south;

WHEREAS, a new right of way (single wide corridor) down the east side will impact traditional lands and territories; and

WHEREAS, constructing an east side transmission line will generate significant economic activity and result in employment and business opportunities for the affected First Nations; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations must present a unified front on the development of valuable resources in or near their traditional lands and territories.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby agree to support further exploration of the opportunity to construct a new transmission line on the east side of Lake Winnipeg; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to coordinate a meeting to be convened with the affected First Nations and other interested First Nations to further discuss the proposed transmission line on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, as soon as possible as time is of the essence.

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JAN-07.20

RE: NEXT AMC ASSEMBLY

Moved by:

Chief Billyjo De La Ronde Pine Cree First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo Rolling River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs has held several assemblies in various First Nation communities throughout Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the AMC General Assembly was last held in the West Region area several years ago.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the next General Assembly of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be held in the West Region Tribal Council area within the traditional territory of Treaty Four and Treaty Two Anishinaabe Nations.

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JAN-07.21

RE: TREATY RIGHTS TO AGRICULTURE

Moved by:

Chief Ralph Beautieu Ebb and Flow First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo Rolling River First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Treaties between the Crown and the Indian Nations make specific reference with respect to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Indian producers in Manitoba receive inadequate support from the Provincial and Federal governments as compared to non-Indian producers; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is an important industry in many First Nation communities in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the hardship experienced by Indian producers is due to inadequate support by the Provincial and Federal government, and breaches of Treaty promises relating to Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Indian producers in Manitoba have created the Indian Agriculture Council of Manitoba Inc. to advocate for the interests of Indian Producers in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, further research is required on Treaty rights to Agriculture.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Grand Chief to request that the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Center of Manitoba support the Indian Agriculture Council of Manitoba Inc. by completing specific research on the Treaty Rights to Agriculture, as directed by the Indian Agriculture Council of Manitoba Inc; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that reports resulting from this research be brought back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly for further deliberations and direction.

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JAN-07.22

RE: INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Moved by:

Chief Dennis Meeches Long Plain First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo Rolling River Anishinaabe Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, Manito-Nodin Spirit Wind Residential School Survivors Inc. (Spirit Wind) has represented many Manitoba Indian Residential School Survivors in the claims process; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit Wind Board has assisted the Manitoba survivors through advocacy and moral support in government negotiations and court cases; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit Wind Board has observed that many gaps exist such as attendance records as the government policy had been to destroy these attendance records every five years and yet the same government negotiated in good faith to use this data as the formula for individual compensation; and

WHEREAS, Teulon and Cranberry Portage institutions are not included in the list of recognized Indian Residential Schools; and

WHEREAS, other Indian Day Schools may not be on the list of recognized Indian Residential Schools; and

WHEREAS, Tony Merchant, one of the consortium lawyers, is attempting to hold the compensation process hostage until he gets his fees for service; and

WHEREAS, students who were emotionally, physically and sexually abused in Day Schools shall be considered in this process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly agree to support the Spirit Wind Board to pursue these above mentioned issues; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief send a letter to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs regarding these issues, and request an immediate response in writing; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief send a letter to Assembly of First Nations National Chief to seek his support in ensuring resolution of these outstanding issues.

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JAN-07.23

RE: SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY

Moved by:

Chief George Kemp Berens River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Harold Crow Pauingassi First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, First Nations in Manitoba have one of the highest suicide rates in Canada; and

WHEREAS, First Nation leaders recognize that First Nations need to develop their own suicide prevention strategies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to raise the issue of First Nation suicide as a priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Chief to convene a meeting with federal and provincial authorities to negotiate adequate resources for the development of a long-term suicide strategy to replace the current FNIHB system of contribution agreements which provides \$50,000 per year or less per First Nation.

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JAN-07.24

RE: TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT

Moved by:

Chief Morris Shannacappo Rolling River First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Billyjo Del La Ronde Pine Creek First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada and the Manitoba First Nations have concluded agreements to fulfill outstanding treaty land entitlement agreements in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs of Canada has agreed to a target of 150,000 acres of land to be converted to reserve land each year for the next four years, which accounts for less than 10% of the total land parcels outstanding under existing TLE obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor General of Canada has agreed with the statements of the Manitoba First Nations that delays in converting selected lands to reserve status have had a negative impact on First Nations' social and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Manitoba First Nations are losing millions of dollars annually as a result of the government's failure to meet its obligations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AMC Grand Chief to meet the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to ensure Canada meets all of its obligations as set out in the treaty land entitlement agreements in Manitoba; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Grand Chief seek the commitment of the Minister to take the necessary steps to accelerate the conversion of TLE lands to reserve status within a reasonable time frame.

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of a resolution adopted on JANUARY 23, 24, 25, 2007

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JAN-07.25

RE: TREATY DISPARITIES

Moved by:

Councilor Darcy Linklater, Proxy Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Ted Bland York Factory First Nation

CARRIED

WHEREAS, there are Treaty disparities between the numbered Treaties, including land, monetary and other disparities; and

WHEREAS, the Crown's representative during treaty negotiations stated that all Indian Peoples will be treated equally.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treaty Relations Commissioner of Manitoba take all necessary steps to research treaty disparities and ensure equality among the numbered Treaties that apply in Manitoba.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMC Grand Chief of Manitoba take all necessary steps to address treaty disparities and ensure equality among the numbered Treaties that apply in Manitoba.

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