



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 02-09-2009/#004 R

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT IN THE DECISIONS
AFFECTING THE PLACEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS
CHILDREN IN-CARE

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 [Alberta] hereinafter known as the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs did meet at a duly convened Fall Sitting held at the Radisson Hotel South, in Edmonton, Alberta on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2009; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AoTC) exert their inherent authority to fully govern their Nations/Tribes/Bands on behalf of the First Nations citizens including the responsibility of Children and maintaining Family Wholistic Wellness; and

WHEREAS at the AoTC Spring Sitting of 2008, the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 First Nations adopted and implemented the *Declaration of the Rights of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 First Nations Child and Family Wholistic Wellness*; and

WHEREAS delegated First Nations Agency[s] and Child and Family Services must maintain an optimum First Nations wholistic approach to the physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological health and wellbeing of the First Nations children in care at all times; and

WHEREAS there is intricate legislation in place to ensure the protection of our First Nations children; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that First Nations children living within the protection of Child and Family Services achieve greater success in their long-term development when immersed in their First Nations language, culture, traditions and lifestyle; and

WHEREAS when a child's care becomes unstable and changes or transitions are required to maintain their safe care, what best meets the safety and needs of the child must be paramount in the planning for that child; and

WHEREAS when these transitions require legal intervention through the courts, all delegated parties and the family with a vested interest in the safety and wellbeing of the child, must be diligently informed of all progress and actions relevant to the case.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs direct the Child and Family Services to ensure that First Nations leadership and impacted families of children in-care are consulted in the decisions and outcomes of maintaining the wellbeing and safety of the child at all times; and

**MOVED BY: PROXY CHIEF HENRY FRANCIS-KIDNEY,
BEAVER FIRST NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF ROSE LABOUCAN,
DRIFTPILE FIRST NATION**

QUESTION CALLED

VOTE:

FOR: 30 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON: _____

Marlene Poitras