



Treaty No. 6



Treaty No. 7



Treaty No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 27-01-2010/#003 R

SUBJECT: HIV/AIDS AND BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS & SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 [Alberta] known as the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs did meet in a duly convened Special Chiefs Assembly on Health held at the Edmonton Marriot, River Cree Resort and Casino in Enoch Cree Nation on January 26th and 27th, 2010; and

WHEREAS the information presented by Dr. Stan Houston of the Northern HIV Clinic to the Special Chiefs Assembly on Health and a briefing note provided by Kimamow Atoskanow Foundation indicated that First Nations continue to be at increased risk of HIV infection and face numerous challenges with respect to prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS the issues of poverty, stigma, addictions, homelessness, access to and availability of harm reduction resources (including condoms, information, finances, needle exchange, etc.) and competing issues within First Nation communities contribute to HIV prevention and treatment challenges; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs recognize political leadership is key to improving effective responses to HIV / AIDS, BBP and STI's and agree to make this a priority for the prevention of spreading HIV / AIDS in First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have indicated that HIV/AIDS information and other related Sexually Transmitted information be made available through the development of a curriculum; and

WHEREAS evidence based interventions that are initiated, implemented and evaluated by First Nations are necessary to address the epidemic; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 call on FNIH and the Chief's committee on Co-Management to assess current funding levels, fund distribution mechanisms, program priorities and evidenced based interventions and regional impact on community access to resources; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs stressed the importance and have agreed that incorporating Traditional Values into HIV/AIDS Educational Initiatives is important and that information be made mandatory within First Nations Education Systems and Human Service Departments; and,

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 and relevant Sub-Committees develop an accountability mechanism to elevate the level of awareness, commitment of political Leaders and outcomes of FNIH controlled programs.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF CHARLES WEASELHEAD,
BLOOD TRIBE**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF ALLAN PAUL,
ALEXANDER FIRST NATION**

QUESTION CALLED

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 32 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


Marlene Poitras