



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 27-01-2010/#006 R

SUBJECT: SUNSETTING OF ABORIGINAL HEALTH TRANSITION FUND, ABORIGINAL DIABETES INITIATIVE, ABORIGINAL HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES INITIATIVE, NATIONAL ABORIGINAL YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM, AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVES

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

WHEREAS timely access to health care services and programs is an internationally recognized determinant of health; and,

WHEREAS the First Nations and Inuit Health department of Health Canada upholds the fiduciary responsibility to ensure health care; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty 6, 7 and 8 are deeply concerned that funding and program mandates for the federal Aboriginal Health Transition Fund, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiatives, Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative, national Aboriginal Youth suicide Prevention Program and Maternal Child Health Initiative will not be renewed on April 1, 2010 and that many important and required services administrated at the First Nations level will no longer exist as a result; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs are signaling grave concerns for their people's health due to diabetes, suicide and suicide attempts, and the ongoing needs for funding and capacity to engage within the federal and provincial health care system realm; and

WHEREAS First Nations in Treaty 6, 7 and 8 (Alberta) are signally for Health Canada to acknowledge the need for renewal of all aforementioned federal initiatives so that First Nations members needs are not disrupted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations and Inuit Health, Health Canada, the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs, and the Assembly of First Nations support and work together to ensure the ongoing administration and funding of the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiatives, Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative, National Aboriginal Youth suicide Prevention Program and Maternal Child Health Initiative so as to benefit community members who continue to demonstrate the need for said programming; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of First Nations inform Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Health Canada of the potential for injury or death and demand the necessary funds to support First Nations to be engaged in the necessary programming; and,

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada must exercise its fiduciary obligations, pursuant to the protection First Nations health under Health Canada, and take all necessary steps including assisting to build capacity, to provide funding and resources to ensure that programming relative to diabetes and suicide prevention, child health, continued governance and relationship building amongst stakeholders be continued.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF EDDY MAKOKIS
SADDLE LAKE CREE NATION**

**SECONDED BY: PROXY CHIEF HARRY LAWRENCE
DUNCAN FIRST NATION**

QUESTION CALLED

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 33 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


Marlene Poitras