



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



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ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 27-01-2010/#012 R

SUBJECT: G8 FOCUS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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 an article in the Globe and Mail dated January 27, 2010 quotes Prime Minister Stephen Harper as stating that “maternal and child health will become Canada’s “signature focus”, at the G8 Summit scheduled for June 25-27, 2010 in Muskoka, Ontario; and

WHEREAS Prime Minister Stephen Harper has further stated “Far too many lives and unexplored futures have already been lost for want of relatively simple health care solutions” and “It is incumbent upon the leaders of the world’s most developed economies to assist those in the most vulnerable positions”; and

WHEREAS Mr. Harper has consistently refused to consult with the Canada’s First Nation leadership to deal with outstanding health priorities, such as maternal and child health, but is prepared to have wealthy nations double their aid to poorer countries to address issues of human welfare while he continuously ignores the lack of adequate health care of First Nations in Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs request that this be addressed at the G8 and G20 Summits, to clearly inform the world leaders of current poor health conditions of First Nations in Canada which are continuous to be ignored by the Canadian Government; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Shawn Atleo, ensure that the G8 and G20 leaders are informed on the contradictory and conflicting positioning of developing Canada's "signature focus" and being "out of focus" with the vulnerable health conditions of the First Nations within his own country; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs write a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper, copied to other world leaders, demanding that he, as the Prime Minister of Canada, meet with the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8, to deal with Canada's First Nations poor health conditions; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs request, with resolve and urgency, that the Prime Minister of Canada involve the First Nations leadership at the G8 and G20 Summits to present and deal with their plight openly.

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

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

QUESTION CALLED

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 23

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


Marlene Poitras