



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 29-03-2010-#02R

SUBJECT: ALBERTA FIRST NATIONS WOMEN'S SHELTER
FUNDING

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 assembly held March 29, 30, and 31 in Treaty No. 7 Traditional Territory at the Coast Plaza Conference Centre in the City of Calgary, Alberta; and

WHEREAS the five First Nations' Women's Shelters of Bigstone Cree Nation Women's Emergency Shelter, Eagle's Nest Stoney, Ermineskin Women's Shelter Society, Mikisew Cree Nation Paspew House and Sucker Creek Emergency Women's Shelter are funded by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; and

WHEREAS the First Nation's Women's Shelters are key players in the prevention of domestic violence and the protection of women and children in crisis within their respective communities; and

WHEREAS the federal government in 2007 committed to a Five-Year Funding Agreement for \$56 Million, which \$53.45 Million would go directly to all First Nation's Women's Shelters in Canada to bring them on par, though temporarily, with provincial shelters; and

WHEREAS in 2006 the federal government funded the Johnson Report that included recommendations from the First Nation's Women's Shelter Directors that included a formula for funding; and

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WHEREAS the federal government has now developed a different national formula that resulted in a decrease of funding for four of the five First Nations' Women's Shelter in Alberta; and

WHEREAS the federal government (Alberta regional office) has committed to forward the fiscal shortfall through an amendment to the 2010-2011 Contribution Agreements, which jeopardizes the adequate funding for future years.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that

1. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs call upon the Government of Canada to make a strong commitment to honor and maintain its Five-Year commitment to the Family Violence Prevention Program for Alberta's on-reserve shelters in its current text.
2. the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs requests the federal government to correct the national formula to include the shortfall for subsequent years without requiring an amendment from hereon.
3. the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs calls upon the Government of Canada to ensure funding reflect the actual cost to properly run a viable and safe shelter; and to ensure that the annual increase in the cost of living is also factored into the annual funding formula.
4. the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs calls upon the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations in the Johnson Report (July 31, 2006) such as the recommended formula for shelter funding so it is predicable, sufficient and sustainable.

MOVED BY: Chief Gerry Ermineskin, Ermineskin Cree Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Rose Laboucan, Driftpile First Nation

DECISION: Carried by Consensus

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Resolution Chairperson – Bobbi Herrera