



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 30-03-2010#05 R

SUBJECT: First Nations Child and Family Services

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 meeting held at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in the City of Calgary, Alberta on March 29,30, 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS in recognition of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples passed by the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on June 29, 2008 specific to Child Rearing and Wellbeing in Articles 3, 15(3), 22(2), 24(1)(2) and 34; and

WHEREAS the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 currently deliver child and family services at varying levels of programs and services for their children in care; and

WHEREAS Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 First Nations have identified numerous issues and concerns in their program and service delivery for their children in care relative to jurisdiction, funding and working relationships between respective First Nations, Canada and Alberta; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 First Nations have on numerous occasions reaffirmed their issues and concerns on child and family program and service delivery by the passage of Assembly of Treaty Chiefs' Resolutions in an attempt to address and resolve Jurisdiction and Authority Matters, Child Wellness and Family Preservation Matters, Adoption and Custody of First Nations Children in non-First Nation Homes Matters, Child and Family Services

Enhancement Framework Matters, among other equally important matters; and

WHEREAS a Protocol Agreement on Government to Government Relations was entered between the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 First Nations and the Government of Alberta as a means to strengthen their government to government relationship for discussion on several key issues including Child and Family Services program and service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Protocol Agreement on Government to Government Relations provides that the Chiefs and Government of Alberta may establish further specific processes or sub-tables involving other sectors or ministries through a sub-agreement between the Grand Chiefs and appropriate Minister or Ministers responsible for those sectors.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8:

1. Mandate the three Grand Chiefs to establish a specific process and/or sub-agreement on Child and Family Services with the Minister of the Alberta Children and Youth Services.
2. Sanction Chief Allan Paul of the Alexander First Nation and Chief Charles Weaselhead of the Blood Tribe are hereby appointed as the Child and Family Service Portfolio Chiefs who will initiate discussions on all Child and Family Services with the Government of Alberta through the Protocol Agreement on Government to Government Relations.
3. Instructs the Child and Family Services Chiefs, in conjunction with the three Grand Chiefs to:
 - a. Secure financial resources from Alberta, and where necessary, from Canada to fulfill the mandate of this Resolution.
 - b. Appoint a Child and Family Services Technical Working Group with equal participation from Non-Delegated First Nations and Delegated First Nation Agencies to assist in developing the agenda items for discussions in the sub-agreement between the Grand Chiefs and the Minister of Alberta's Children and Youth Services.
 - c. Direct the Child and Family Services Technical Working Group to conduct a comprehensive review of federal and provincial government mandates relative to the delivery of

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child and family services for First Nations children in care.

- d. Initiate discussion with the Alberta Ministry of Children and Youth Services in a manner as set out in the Protocol Agreement on Government to Government Relations.
- e. Provide a report and recommendations on the status of the establishment of a specific process and sub-table on child and family services to the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs Spring Sitting.

- 4. Concludes that nothing in this Resolution is intended to prevent any First Nation to develop, or continue to maintain, their own individual relationships with the Government of Alberta; or from entering into specific agreements with Government of Alberta Ministries.

MOVED BY: Chief Carolyn Buffalo, Montana Cree Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Gordon Auger, Bigstone First Nation

VOTE:

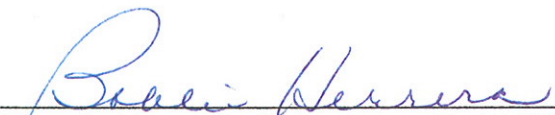
In Favor: 19

Opposed: 0

**Abstentions: 2 -Chief James Frencheater, Sunchild First Nation
-Proxy for Wesley Stoney First Nation**

DECISION: Carried by Majority Vote

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Resolution Chairperson – Bobbi Herrera