



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 30-03-2010#07R

SUBJECT: ALBERTA'S TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

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 Chiefs and Councils derive their authority from the Creator and the Citizens of their respective Nations/Tribes/Bands; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs and Councils guard against impacts on the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights of our Peoples as guaranteed by Treaties and recognized and affirmed by the *Constitution Act, 1982*; and

WHEREAS the text of Treaty No. 8 states that "Her Majesty the Queen HEREBY AGREES with the said Indians that they shall have the right to pursue their usual vocations of hunting, trapping and fishing ..." ; and

WHEREAS the Treaty Rights to Hunt, Fish and Trap as part of our Livelihood has been recognized by various court decisions in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Treaty Right to Trap is still used as a source of livelihood by First Nation peoples in accordance with traditional practices; and

WHEREAS the Alberta's Trappers Association continues to make policies and regulations without consultation with First Nations and First Nation trappers; and

WHEREAS the governments of Canada and Alberta continue to endorse the Alberta Trappers Association policies; and

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WHEREAS the unilateral imposition of the Alberta's Trappers Association policies affect the Treaty Rights as practiced by First Nation peoples.

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

1. assert their Traditional and Inherent Right to govern the practices of their people with regard to livelihood.
2. give notice to the Alberta Trappers Association and the governments of Alberta and Canada that the unilateral imposition of policies and regulation that affect Treaty Rights will not be tolerated; and
3. instruct the technicians to establish a process of governing our Inherent Rights and Treaty Right to livelihood; and
4. invite the Alberta Trapper association to explain their development of policies and regulations that impact Treaty Rights without consultation; and
5. direct the Governments of Canada and Alberta to provide adequate capacity and resources to the representatives of Treaty Nos. 6, 7 and 8 (Alberta) to address Treaty Trapping Rights issues.

MOVED BY: Chief Gordon Auger, Bigstone Cree Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Rose Laboucan, Driftpile Cree Nation

DECISION: Carried by Consensus

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Resolution Chairperson – Bobbi Herrera