



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 30-03-2010#010R

SUBJECT: PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

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 incidence of prescription drug misuse/abuse in First Nations communities in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) is a huge growing concern for the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs; and

WHEREAS there are many factors related to the misuse/abuse of prescription drugs in First Nations communities such as: double doctoring, lack of adequate regulation of prescription drug abuse in First Nations communities in Alberta by First Nations Inuit Health Branch, the lack of direct involvement by First Nations in decisions related to the use of prescription drugs to First Nations communities/members, the pharmacies high dispensing fees as a money making opportunity, the increase of trafficking of prescription drugs in First Nations communities and the lack of services aimed at reducing the incidence of prescription drug misuse/abuse in First Nations communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Treaty Chiefs support the efforts to fight the prevalence of prescription drug abuse in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 First Nations communities in Alberta, and immediately address this issue with the College of Physicians and the pharmaceutical companies.

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MOVED BY: Chief Rose Laboucan, Driftpile First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Eddy Makokis, Saddle Lake Cree Nation

VOTE:

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1 - Chief Gordon Auger, Bigstone First Nation

DECISION: Carried by Majority Vote

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Resolution Chairperson – Bobbi Herrera