

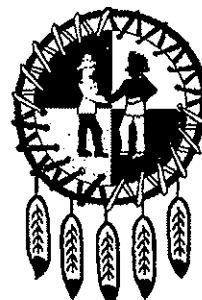
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RESOLUTION 03-06-2010/#001R



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

**ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS
RESOLUTION**

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SUBJECT: **FIRST NATIONS ORAL HEALTH SURVEY - ALBERTA 2010-11 SURVEY - OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access and Possession) Compliant Research with Alberta First Nations**

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 Fantasyland Conference Center in the City of Edmonton, Alberta on June 01 - 03, 2010; and

WHEREAS The First Nation Communities in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8, have been actively involved in Research specifically the Regional Health Survey (RHS) since 1996; and

WHEREAS, research funding agencies and or Government Departments, Agencies funding research are required to have a specific research mandate endorsed by the Alberta Chiefs as outlined in **Resolution # 002, First Nations Information Governance Centre**, with regards to Research in First Nations communities of Treaty No.6, Treaty No.7, Treaty No.8 (Alberta);

WHEREAS, recognizing the historical harm resulting from research in First Nations communities and First Nations assertions of governance over community information, the First Nations Information Governance Committee (FNIGC) developed the First Nations Longitudinal Regional Health Survey (RHS) Code of Research Ethics which contains the First Nations principles of OCAP with respect to our data, our information, and our traditional knowledge; and

WHEREAS the Office of the Chief Dental Officer (OCDO), Health Canada, is the expert lead for the oral health content of Statistics Canada's Canadian Health

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Measures Survey (CHMS) which will establish baseline oral health level data for the Canadian population;

WHEREAS the Office of the Chief Dental Officer (OCDO), Health Canada, is preparing to release a document on the oral health status of Canadians in 2010 and it is appropriate and timely to collect information specific to the oral health First Nations on Reserve;

WHEREAS Health Canada is interested in using First Nations oral health data to better assess the needs of First Nation clients, plan its activities and target its programs geared toward First Nations via a Alberta First Nations driven data sharing agreement;

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs has an interest in gathering health statistics in Alberta First Nations' communities for the purpose of assisting in health planning, program delivery, evaluation, sustainability and ultimately to improve First Nations' health;

WHEREAS the First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS) respects First Nation principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) and is the only First Nations-governed national health survey in Canada;

WHEREAS through its work beginning in 1995 the RHS has created an infrastructure for survey design and content, to train interviewers, manage data collection, analyze and report on survey results;

WHEREAS the RHS is managed and directed by the First Nations Information Governance Committee (FNIGC) of the AFN, soon to be an incorporated Stand Alone Entity (First Nation Information Governance Centre /First Nation Information of Alberta Governance Centre);

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs, AFN and the OCDO wish to build on the expertise and infrastructure of the RHS for the purpose of conducting a First Nations Oral Health Survey (FNOHS).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs hereby support the research mandate as outlined in Resolution 30-03-2010/#03R OCAP Resolution:

"To implement Alberta First Nations Leadership's right to self-determination, control and jurisdiction in reliable research and accurate statistics, based on First Nations principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) of First Nations data and information in First Nations communities. The Chiefs continue to assert self-determination and OCAP principles, thereby ensuring any research conducted in their communities be OCAP compliant;" and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the participants concur as follows:

1. To conduct a First Nations Oral Health Survey (FNOHS) in select First Nation communities in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta);
2. To obtain aggregated survey data that does not contain any personal information and will be comparable in terms of validity of data to the oral health content of the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS);
3. To adhere to accepted methodological standards, so as to ensure that the data are scientifically valid, credible and culturally relevant;
4. To build upon the established expertise and infrastructure of the RHS;
5. To contribute to the development of First Nations statistical capacity and foster increased involvement in data production related activities and the subsequent use of the information to conduct analysis, interpret data, develop policy and direct programs; and
6. To protect the privacy of individual First Nations and of individual First Nation communities in accordance with applicable laws.

Scope

- a. Support by resolution, covers the sampling, data collection, analysis and interpretation, publication and dissemination of the FNOHS.
- b. The FNOHS in Alberta will be conducted according to the following commitments:
 - i. All phases of the FNOHS will respect the First Nations' principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) and adhere to the RHS Code of Research Ethics and applicable laws;
 - ii. Community approval is required prior to data collection in that community;
 - iii. First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) will oversee the project. Oversight can include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Approval of methods and questions prior to commencement of fieldwork;
 - ii. Approval of all publicly released materials and nationally aggregated results;
 - iv. The approval of regional or local First Nations authorities is required prior to release of any regional/local data (if available);
 - v. Fully informed individual consent is required to begin any interview and to use personal information for scheduling or other administrative purposes;
 - vi. In seeking consent to participate, FNOHS respondents will be informed that aggregated (de-identified) data will be shared with the OCDO, First Nations and Inuit Health – Health Canada for the purposes outlined herein.;
 - vii. Results will only be reported statistically;
 - viii. Record level data will remain under the possession and control of participant First Nations and their duly appointed steward (as

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in RHS). Those who collect or have access to the data will be required to sign an oath of confidentiality. Record level data refers to information that is specific to an individual or group of individuals, whether or not the person is identifiable by name. For the purpose of the FNOHS, each 'record' describes all of the FNOHS responses provided by an individual and will not be disclosed to Health Canada;

- ix. Participating communities will receive study results before national, regional, local; dissemination; and
- x. All phases of FNOHS will adhere to the RHS Code of Research Ethics, the RHS Privacy Policy, the Research Ethics Board within Health Canada and Data Protection Procedures and applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the international minimum standards on rights for all Indigenous peoples that includes First Nations of Treaties 6, 7 and 8 (Alberta) clearly support the right for Indigenous peoples to have control over all developments affecting them will enable Indigenous peoples maintain and strengthen and promote development with their aspirations and needs.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Chiefs-in-Assembly assert: Any collection, use and disclosure of our data, our information and our traditional knowledge must adhere to a First Nations of Alberta Information Governance model, clearly stating the Chiefs are stewards of their own data, that would require free prior and informed consent and that leadership must be involved in every stage of research involving First Nations communities in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) which reflect First Nation research ethics, values and accountability the First Nations Leadership in Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) in keeping with and exceeding current standards in research.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF ALLAN PAUL
ALEXANDER FIRST NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF CHARLES WEASELHEAD
KAINAI NATION (BLOOD TRIBE)**

VOTE: CARRIED

FOR: 21 AGAINST: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 2

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


BOBBI HERRERA