

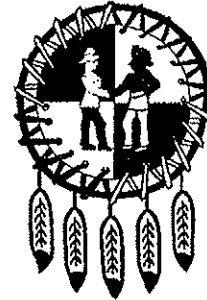
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RESOLUTION 03-06-2010/#006R



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

**ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION: 03-06-2010/#006R

SUBJECT: **RESTORING THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF OUR
TREATIES (REVIEW AND REPORT ON TREATY
ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION PLAN)**

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 United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on September 13, 2007 is an internationally recognized human rights instrument which contains minimum standards, rights and best practices for States in their dealings with Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, states that "Treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, and the relationship they represent, are the basis for a strengthened partnership between Indigenous peoples and States"; and provides that the United Nations Declaration is "a standard of achievement to be pursued in a spirit of partnership and mutual respect"; and

WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in articles 3, 4, 19 and 37, recognizes that States shall respect Rights related to the self-determination and autonomy of Indigenous peoples in matters related to their internal and local affairs, and ways and means for financing their autonomous functions. These Rights

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include the implementation of Treaties; and Rights relating to free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous peoples and good faith dealings; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada circulated the assimilationist White Paper in 1969 which openly promoted the abrogation, derogation and denial of the individual, collective and Treaty Rights of the Treaty First Nations which were recognized and affirmed by the British Crown, in right of Canada, under Treaties No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8; and

WHEREAS the Inherent Rights of First Nations to exercise control and autonomy over lands, territories and natural resources continues to be threatened and eroded by the Government of Canada including our title and sovereignty; and

WHEREAS the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) united in their opposition to the 1969 White Paper and presented to the Government of Canada a detailed outline of their strong opposition and objection to the White Paper, which became known as "The Red Paper" and which was fully endorsed by First Nations across Canada. The Red Paper halted the Government of Canada's policy direction in relation to their legal and fiduciary obligations towards Treaty First Nations in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through legislative and procedural action and inaction, has failed to live up to their fiduciary obligations to First Nations and their constitutional duty to consult and accommodate which has resulted in an abrogation, derogation and infringement of the Rights of the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) which were recognized under Treaty; and

WHEREAS legislative and non-legislative policies introduced by the Government of Canada since confederation has threatened the survival of the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) hereby put the Government of Canada on notice that any attempt to further abrogate, derogate or infringe upon the constitutionally protected recognized and affirmed Rights of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) will be challenged and opposed by the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs appoint a technical committee representing Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty

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No. 8 (Alberta), and each Chief Executive Officer of the three Treaty organizations submit names of the technical representatives to the office of the Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations no later than June 10, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the technical committee will prepare a detailed review of government policies, legislation and other related actions that impact Treaty Rights and develop a report utilizing the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Constitution of Canada, as a yardstick to measure the full impact of all legislation, government actions and inactions imposed by Canada on the Treaty Rights held by the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta). The Report shall also contain an action plan to implement and advance the outcomes and recommendations under the review.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the technical committee be directed to present an initial report to the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs for review and further instructions at the fall sitting of the Assembly. The initial report shall be submitted to the host organization (Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta) two weeks prior to the fall sitting of the Assembly to be distributed to the Chiefs for their review.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF LEROY GOODEAGLE
SIKSIKA NATION**

**SECONDED BY: PROXY CHIEF WILLIS KOOTENAY
ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION**

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 28 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


BOBBI HERRERA