

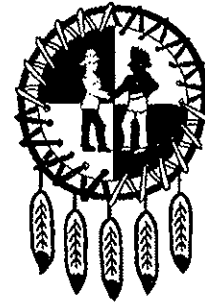
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TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

**ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS
RESOLUTION**

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO BILL-S-11 AND THE FAILURE OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO COMPLY WITH
THE DUTY TO CONSULT WITH 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 Government of Canada introduced in parliament Bill S-11, An Act Respecting the Safety of Drinking Water on First Nations Lands, on May 25th, 2010; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs continue to uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that affirms the Rights of First Nations to use the water resources on reserve lands and traditional territory; and

WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples affirms that States shall consult in good faith with Indigenous Peoples and obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of minerals, water or other resources; and

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WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have consistently asserted their Treaty Rights to Water, including the Riparian Rights through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs have consistently asserted their Treaty Rights to water, including the Right of self-determination over water through a Water Declaration, in a number of past Chiefs resolutions, and in letters of concern being sent in 2009 to the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper and to Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Chuck Strahl; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs reaffirm their sacred duty to guard against impacts on the Treaty and Constitutionally protected Rights of our respective Treaty First Nations by continuing to remind the Crown of their constitutional duty to meaningfully consult and accommodate when their actions have, or proposed actions have the potential to impact on the established and claimed Treaty Rights as confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs state the Government of Canada has again failed to meaningfully consult and accommodate the Treaty First Nations in Alberta in discussions and developments leading up to Bill S-11.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs reaffirms their position as stated in letters sent by the Grand Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 to Minister Chuck Strahl on March 26, 2009 and to Prime Minister Stephen Harper on May 12, 2009; and
2. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs demand that the Government of Canada, more specifically, Minister Chuck Strahl ensure that any representations made, or objections filed, on Bill S-11 are reflected in any proposed amendments; and
3. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs shall cause to appoint a Chiefs Committee on Water with the mandate to prepare a common Treaty First Nations in Alberta Response to Bill S-11 and to provide a report and recommendations back to the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs Fall Sitting; and
4. The Assembly of Treaty Chiefs shall further direct the Chiefs Committee on Water to arrange a meeting with political representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government

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of Alberta to discuss and resolve the issues and concerns set out in
the Treaty First Nations in Alberta Response to Bill S-11.

MOVED BY: CHIEF ALLAN PAUL
ALEXANDER FIRST NATION

SECONDED BY: CHIEF JAMES BADGER
SUCKER CREEK FIRST NATION

VOTE: CARRIED

FOR: 21 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON: 
BOBBI HERRERA