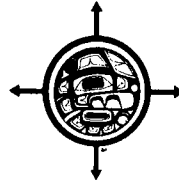


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Resolution no. 2006-13

RE: Coordinated Children's Agenda

WHEREAS the Indigenous Nations which are members of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs have an inherent right of self-determination including jurisdiction to the children and families of those Nations;

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has collectively supported the regionalization process of Aboriginal child welfare as per the *Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Children*;

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has worked collectively with other Aboriginal political organizations and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, through the *Joint Aboriginal Management Committee* to address child welfare issues such as the regionalization process and other systemic issues that affect Aboriginal child welfare;

WHEREAS the Tsawwassen Accord affirms our collective effort to reduce the number of children in care through the control of Indigenous Peoples in BC;

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs supports the principles of wholistic approaches to the health and well-being, based upon cultural values of our Indigenous Nations;

WHEREAS the Coordinated Children's' Agenda identifies wholistic approaches to the health and well-being of Indigenous children and recognizes the importance of the inter-connectedness between all social issues including education, health, child care, housing, economic development, policing, recreation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Indian Chiefs provides the mandate to the UBCIC Executive, Social Development Committee and Staff to use the Coordinated Children's' Agenda as a platform to advance Aboriginal child welfare issues within the regionalization process, meanwhile being cognizant of the cultural diversity of the UBCIC member Indigenous Nations.

Moved: Chief Wayne Christian, Splots'in First Nation
Seconded: Chief Fred Sampson, Siska Indian Band
Disposition: Carried
Date: June 8, 2006