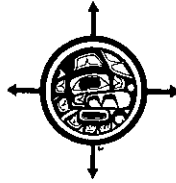


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JANUARY 30-31, 2006
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2006-02

Re: Affirmation Of Support For The Development Of Regional Aboriginal Authorities As Per The Memorandum Of Understanding For Aboriginal Children

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

WHEREAS the *Tsawwassen Accord* is only an initial step to the ultimate goal to exercise our inherent right and full jurisdiction of our Children and Families;

WHEREAS the *Tsawwassen Accord* affirms our collective efforts to reduce the number of Indigenous children in care through the control of child welfare service delivery by the Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has signed the *Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Children* on September 9, 2002 with the express purpose to create Regional Aboriginal Authorities for the devolution of responsibility for the delivery of child welfare; and

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has continued its participation in the regionalization process through the *Joint Aboriginal Management Committee*, which is led by the principles of the *Tsawwassen Accord* and *Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Children*; and

WHEREAS the Union of BC Indian Chiefs has signed the *Transformative Change Accord* at the historical First Ministers Meeting in Kelowna, BC which commits to strengthening relationships on a government-to-government basis to close social and economic gaps;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully respects and supports Indigenous Nations to continue the exercise and defense of their inherent right to ensure the safety, protection and well-being of their children and families through the implementation of their laws principled upon traditional values through cultural, family and community interconnectedness; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the UBCIC Chiefs Council provide direction to the UBCIC Executive and Social Development Committee to continue its support for the creation of Regional Aboriginal Authorities in accordance with the *Tsawwassen Accord* and *Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Children*; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the UBCIC Chiefs Council provide direction to the UBCIC Social Development Committee actively pursue a full legal, administrative and operational review of the process to date and its potential impacts to our jurisdiction.

Moved: Chief Jennifer Bobb, Spuzzum Nation
Seconded: Chief Delores O'Donoughy, Boston Bar First Nation
Disposition: Carried
Date: January 31, 2006