

# FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

## RESOLUTION #1105.08

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION TO CREATE ABORIGINAL AUTHORITIES**

### WHEREAS

- A. By Resolution #0301.11 the First Nations Summit ("FNS") Chiefs in Assembly supported the execution of the *Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Children* (hereinafter "MOU"), to establish Regional Aboriginal Authorities, signed on September 9, 2002.
- B. In conjunction with the MOU, a Joint Aboriginal Management Committee (hereinafter "JAMC") was established and includes leadership from the FNS, United Native Nations, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Metis Provincial Council of BC and the Minister of Children and Family Development.
- C. By Resolution #0602.09, the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly endorsed the principles from the *Tsawwassen Accord*, to unequivocally reject the concept of blended Regional Authorities.
- D. By Resolution #0904.12, the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly approved the "Joint Multi-year plan: Toward Regional Aboriginal Authorities". Subsequently, the Legislation Advisory Working Group Terms of Reference was developed to advise the Aboriginal Chairs Caucus and the Ministry of Children and Family Development Committee.
- E. In a special JAMC meeting on November 9, 2005, agreement was reached on the need to expedite the legislation of the five proposed Aboriginal Authorities, and that the Aboriginal leadership will confirm appropriate individuals with the experience and knowledge to introduce enabling legislation for the Spring 2006 session.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly approve the concept of working jointly with the Ministry for Children and Family Development and the Province of BC to develop enabling legislation to be introduced in Spring 2006.
2. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly direct the Task Group to identify the appropriate people to participate on the legislation drafting committee with the Aboriginal Chairs Caucus.
3. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly direct the legislation drafting committee to present a progress report to the Chiefs in attendance at the March 2006 First Nations Summit meeting.
4. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly direct the Task Group to secure adequate resources to become fully engaged in the process.

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SECONDED BY: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation  
DATED: December 2, 2005

Passed by consensus.

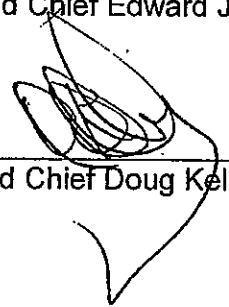
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