



FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

RESOLUTION #0904.12

SUBJECT: APPROVAL-IN-PRINCIPLE OF JOINT MULTI-YEAR PLAN TOWARD REGIONAL ABORIGINAL AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS

- A. The Chiefs' Committee on Child Welfare was formed on April 2, 2002, pursuant to Resolution #1101.14
- B. By Resolution #0602.09, the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly endorsed the Tsawwassen Accord to reject unequivocally the concept of a blended Aboriginal Regional Authority.
- C. The First Nations Summit Resolution #0301.11 approved-in-principle and authorized the Task Group to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Children (hereinafter "MOU") and execute on behalf of the First Nations Summit, to establish Regional Aboriginal Authorities, pursuant to s. 2.3. of the MOU. The First Nations Summit Task Group members (then Grand Chief Edward John, Lydia Hwitsum, and Herb George) signed the September 9, 2002 MOU.
- D. The Chiefs' Committee on Child Welfare reported on the regionalization to the First Nations Summit on November 25, 2002.
- E. The MOU established a Joint Aboriginal Management Committee (hereinafter "JAMC"), made up of Aboriginal Political leaders and Ministers: United Native Nations, First Nations Summit, the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, the Metis Provincial Council of British Columbia, Minister of Children and Family Development, and Minister of Community and Aboriginal and Women's Services.
- F. A joint multi-year plan has been developed under a mandate from the JAMC and is intended to outline the necessary elements, activities, deadlines, and commitments required to achieve five Regional Aboriginal Authorities by 2007 in a manner that reflects the intent of the Tsawwassen Accord and the MOU.
- G. The planning for the Regional Aboriginal Authorities has been subject to various delays, such as changes to the Minister of Children and Family Development.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly approve-in-principle the attached "Joint Multi-Year Plan: Toward Regional Aboriginal Authorities," Draft 5.0, dated September 10, 2004.
2. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly direct the Task Group to finalize the "Joint Multi-Year Plan: Toward Regional Aboriginal Authorities" and execute it on behalf of the First Nations Summit.

MOVED BY: Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Treaty Council
SECONDED BY: Chief Dave Belleau, Esketemc First Nation
DATE: September 24, 2004

Passed by consensus.

ENDORSED BY:



Dave Porter



Grand Chief Edward John



Chief Doug Kelly