SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2012, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 60/2012

TITLE:	National Communications Efforts Leading up to the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763
SUBJECT:	Treaties
MOVED BY:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Lynn Acoose, Sakimay First Nation, SK
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island and their respective First Nations are distinct and have a cultural and historical uniqueness that is the foundation of our Nationhood and Identity;

B. First Nation governments pre-date what is now referred to as Canada, and have untold histories and accounts of the past, as well as the chronology of Treaties and impacts of colonial interference, which are not widely known by mainstream Canada;

C. First Nations face a wide range of challenges as a result of historical colonialism and Canadian "Indian Policy" designed to assimilate and resolve the "Indian Problem";

D. October 2013 will mark the 250th Year Anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763, and, despite the two and a half centuries that have passed, the Crown, its governments and citizenry, remain mostly misinformed about the truth of First Nations sovereignty, history and nationhood;

E. An uninformed Canada including its institutions, cannot be completely prepared to implement Truth and Reconciliation, without a concise accounting of Canada's failure to honor Treaties and an accounting of the gross injustices against First Nation people and lands.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Mandate the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to work with interested First Nations in Canada to develop a draft national strategic communications plan to educate, update and inform all relevant audiences about the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763.
2. Mandate the development of a nationally supported 24 hour televised special and fund-raising broadcast with appropriate public and private sector partners, including the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

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