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

Resolution no. 69/2012

TITLE:	Support for Kaska Nation Action to Protect Their Rights and Territories
SUBJECT:	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
MOVED BY:	Chief Liard MacMillan, Liard First Nation, YK
SECONDED BY:	Chief Jack Caesar, Ross River Dena Council, YK
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to lands, territories and resources they have traditionally owned.

B. The Government of Yukon's planned amendments to the Yukon Oil and gas Act renege on commitments for First Nations' consent made in Agreements signed with the Kaska and other Yukon First Nations which led to the devolution of oil and gas powers from Canada to the Yukon Government.

C. The amendments will lead to large scale gas fracking in the Yukon.

D. The Kaska, Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) and other Yukon First Nations are united in their opposition to this attempt to divide and conquer and threaten the healthy future of our lands and water.

E. The Kaska Nation leaders are considering the implementation of a moratorium on all exploration projects in their traditional lands in response to the continued assault on their aboriginal and title rights by the Yukon Government.

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

1. Support the Kaska Nation and Yukon First Nations in their actions to have the Yukon rescind its plan to unilaterally change the Yukon Oil and Gas Act and break agreements guaranteeing the Kaska's consent veto over Oil and Gas development in their Territory.

2. Direct the National Chief to assist the Kaska in persuading the Yukon and federal governments to honour the Kaska request to finally negotiate with the Kaska and resolve these issues.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 6th day of December, 2012 in Gatineau, Quebec

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