TITLE:	Support for a study of the impact of resource development on First Nation community well-being and customary and contemporary economies
SUBJECT:	Health; Economic Partnerships; Environment
MOVED BY:	Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Article 20 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states that "indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and develop their political, economic and social systems or institutes, to be secure in the enjoyment of their own means of subsistence and development, and to engage freely in all their traditional and other economic activities".

B. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) recognizes that respect for indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditional practices contributes to sustainable and equitable development and proper management of the environment.

C. First Nations across the country are negotiating with the private sector regarding resource development projects, including impact benefit agreements and resource revenue sharing agreements.

D. First Nations require more information on the cost implications of resource development in their territories; a study that investigates the impacts of resource development on First Nations' customary and contemporary activities and on the well-being and health of First Nations is therefore necessary.

E. The types of impacts, direct costs, and indirect costs of resource development need to be documented, in terms of short-, medium- and long-term implications on customary and contemporary economies and the well being of communities.

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

1. Call for a study on the impacts of resource development on First Nation community well-being and the impacts on our traditional, customary and contemporary economies.
2. Mandate the Assembly of First Nations to seek funding to support the research and data collection needed to document the impacts of resource development.
3. Direct the AFN to conduct case studies across the country to gather an accurate profile of the specific regional and local impacts that can be observed.
4. Call on the AFN to advocate for support of this study by relevant federal departments, including Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Health Canada, and other federal departments, and/or provincial/territorial departments, as may be identified.
5. Direct the AFN to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the progress of this initiative in July 2013.

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