ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 17, 18 & 19, 2012, TORONTO, ON

Resolution no. 30/2012

TITLE:	Support for Embracing Life in Cowichan Tribes
SUBJECT:	Health/ Suicide Prevention
MOVED BY:	Chief Harvey Alphonse, Cowichan Tribes, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Richard Thomas, Lyackson First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Passed by the AFN Executive Committee

WHEREAS:

A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) states in Article 7 that indigenous peoples have a right to “life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person”.

B. Determinants of health, such as education, housing and income, impact so heavily on all First Nations.

C. Cowichan Tribes is dealing with suicide completions, ideations and attempts which have drastically increased over the past five years.

D. This year alone there have been 60 suicide "alerts" documented by Cowichan Tribes.

E. Cowichan Tribes Chief and Council have ordered a local State of Emergency and have issued a Declaration to this effect.

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

1. Support Cowichan Tribes in the declaration of their State of Emergency aimed at addressing the high number of suicide “alerts” documented this year and over the past five years.

2. Call on the Minister of Health for British Columbia and the Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister of Health to take immediate steps to address and alleviate the effects of this emergency consistent with the Cowichan Tribes’ Declaration.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 12th day of September, 2012

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