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Resolution no. 76/2025

TITLE:	Invitation To His Majesty King Charles III – 150th Anniversary of Treaty 6 Signing at Fort Carlton
SUBJECT:	Treaty
MOVED BY:	Chief Larry Ahenakew, Ahtahkakoop First Nation, SK
SECONDED BY:	Chief Lorie Whitecalf, Sweetgrass First Nation, SK
DECISION:	Approved by the AFN Executive Committee by consensus.

WHEREAS:

- A. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration) affirms the Inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social, and cultural institutions (Articles 3–5), and the right to uphold nation-to-nation Treaties concluded with the Crown (Articles 37–40).
- B. First Nations across what is now Canada are sovereign Nations who entered into sacred Treaties with the British Crown, grounded in principles of peace, mutual respect, coexistence, and shared responsibilities between Nations.
- C. Treaties 1 through 11, signed between 1871 and 1921, were solemn international agreements made between First Nations and the Crown, establishing enduring relationships that bind both parties “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow”.
- D. Treaty 6, signed on August 23, 1876, at Fort Carlton and other locations, represents one of the foundational Treaty agreements between the Crown and First Nations, including the Cree, Stoney, and Assiniboine (Saulteaux) peoples.
- E. The year 2026 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Signing of Treaty 6, a historic milestone for Treaty Nations and the Crown, and an opportunity to reaffirm the sacred Treaty partnership.
- F. Chiefs from Treaties 6 and 7 were received at Buckingham Palace fifty years ago, demonstrating the longstanding nation-to-nation relationship between First Nations and the British Crown.
- G. His Majesty King Charles III, as representative of the Crown and successor to the original signatory, carries the enduring responsibilities and commitments embedded within the Treaties.

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- H. First Nations across Canada continue to uphold their Treaty rights and responsibilities and seek to strengthen the Treaty relationship with the Crown through renewed diplomatic engagement and acknowledgment at the highest levels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to formally extend an invitation to His Majesty King Charles III to attend the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of the Signing of Treaty 6, to be held at Fort Carlton, Saskatchewan, on August 23, 2026, one of the original signing locations, using appropriate diplomatic channels, such as Governor General Mary Simon's office.
2. Call upon the AFN to request that His Majesty also host a formal reception at Buckingham Palace to honour and reaffirm the historic and ongoing Treaty relationship between the British Crown and all First Nations across Canada.
3. Direct the AFN to urge the federal government to support and facilitate this diplomatic engagement, recognizing the Crown–First Nation Treaty relationship as foundational to Canada.
4. Direct the AFN to work with Treaty organizations, First Nations leadership, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers across the Treaty territories to ensure that the commemoration reflects the cultural, legal, and spiritual significance of Treaties 1–11 and all historic Crown–First Nation agreements.

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