AFN Special Chiefs Assembly
December 9-11, 2008 Ottawa, ON

Resolution no. 71/2008

SUBJECT:	SUPPORT FOR THE TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION AND THE ROLE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS
MOVED BY:	Chief Walter Janvier, Cold Lake First Nation, AB
SECONDED BY:	Chief Keith Matthew, Simpcw First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established as a result of advocacy by the Assembly of First Nations on behalf of all Chiefs and over 80,000 residential school survivors from First Nations across Canada;

B. It is the ultimate responsibility of the First Nations Chiefs to protect the interests and rights of their citizens, especially residential school survivors; and

C. The Assembly of First Nations is a signatory to the agreement to establish the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that :

1. Chiefs-in-Assembly unequivocally support the role of the Assembly of First Nations to represent the concerns, interests and rights of residential school survivors with regards to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its activities.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 11th day of December, 2008 in Ottawa, ON

PHIL FONTAINE, NATIONAL CHIEF