TITLE:	Support to National Welcoming Home Parade for Aboriginal Veterans
SUBJECT:	Veterans
MOVED BY:	Chief Murray Clearsky, Waywayseeccappo First Nation, MB
SECONDED BY:	Chief Glen Ross Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. First Nation veterans fought for Canada and safeguarded Canada in times of World Wars, even though they were specifically excluded from war duty by the Constitution and received less compensation than other soldiers.

B. Europe honoured First Nation & Inuit Veterans and repatriated spirits of fallen Aboriginal soldiers to Canada.

C. First Nations continue to serve Canada on specific missions, and as permanent territorial peacekeepers.

D. November 8 as been proclaimed the National Day of Remembrance for Aboriginal Veterans and Canada has dedicated a monument to commemorate Aboriginal Veterans in Ottawa.

E. Since the Plains of Abraham battles to present time, Aboriginal Veterans have never received a National Welcome Home Parade from Canada.

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

1. Support the National Aboriginal Veterans Association – Manitoba Chapter (NAVA-MB) in its efforts to organize a National Welcoming Home Parade for Aboriginal veterans, to take place in Manitoba on November 8, 2014.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 10th day of September, 2009 in Gatineau, Quebec

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF

2. Urge all levels of government to provide financial resources to organizations and activities dedicated to commemorating and supporting Aboriginal veterans.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 10th day of September, 2009 in Gatineau, Quebec

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF

25 - 2009