# ONLINE VOTING

## Introducing Simply Voting

Simply Voting is the software used by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) conduct online voting. It makes online voting secure, simple, and confidential. Simply Voting can be accessed on any computer, tablet, or smart phone. These instructions will help you use Simply Voting platform to vote on resolutions at the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly on June 28, 2023.

1. Chiefs and proxies must register for the SCA using their email address and status card number (or equivalent). This same email address and status card number will be used to access the Simply Voting platform during the voting process for resolutions at the SCA.

2. Prior to the start of the SCA, an email will be sent by Simply Voting (vote@simplyvoting.com) to all pre-registered Chiefs and proxies. This email will contain a PIN number that is required for voting. Chiefs and proxies who have registered on or before June 26, 2023, and have not received this email by June 26, 2023, at 12:00 a.m. ET, should contact the AFN Help Desk at (1-833-236-8324).

3. At the beginning of each voting round, a link to the voting platform will be emailed to all registered voting Chiefs and proxies. This will occur at the start of the test vote (1 hour in length) and each subsequent vote (90 minutes in length) at the SCA on June 28, 2023.

   a. Only registered Chiefs and proxies will receive the links to the voting platform.

   b. If you believe you were registered but have not received a link to Simply Voting, please contact the AFN Help Desk at (1-833-236-8324).

4. Clicking on the voting platform link in the email will take you to the Simply Voting welcome page.

   a. Log in using your Status Number (or equivalent) and the PIN provided in the email.

   b. If you encounter any issues logging in, call the Help Desk for assistance at (1-833-236-8324).

5. Once logged in successfully, you will be directed to the voting interface.

   a. You can select one choice for each resolution.

6. Once you submit your vote, the results will be encrypted and stored in a database.

7. Your Voting ID will be flagged as "voted" and you will not be eligible to vote again until the start of the next voting round.

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Simply Voting was designed from the ground-up to minimize the risk of fraud. Voters who bypass authentication or have already voted are denied access to the resolution vote, and votes are checked for validity before they are accepted. All voting choices are confidential and cannot be linked to the voter.

Communication between the device used to vote and Simply Voting is encrypted with TLS 1.2. The servers are "hardened" and are routinely subjected to Payment card industry (PCI) Compliance security scans. The Simply Voting application code adheres to guidelines set out by the *Open Web Application Security Project.*

The Simply Voting Privacy Policy is available here: https://www.simplyvoting.com/privacy-policy