ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 15, 16, & 17, 2008, Quebec City, QC

Resolution no. 36/2008

SUBJECT:	Support for Alberta Treaty Chiefs re: Reinstatement of Child Special Allowances
MOVED BY:	Chief Wayne Moonias, Louis Bull First Nation, AB
SECONDED BY:	Shawn Yellowbird, Proxy, Samson Cree First Nation, AB
DECISION:	Carried by consensus.

WHEREAS:

A. The traditional and ancestral rights of the Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No.8 First Nations in Alberta assert that "children are gifts from the Creator";

B. A Memorandum of Understanding was put forth on May 9, 2007 expressing the Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 position on the New Family Enhancement funds announced on April 27, 2007;

C. The new fiscal enhancement dollars would assist and secure a better life for First Nations children;

D. In March 2008, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Alberta Region informed the Alberta Treaty Chiefs that the allocation of the National Child Benefit Reinvestment budget would have a 10 percent holdback for development of joint strategies to reduce social assistance dependency; and

E. The Alberta Treaty Chiefs understood that the New Family Enhancement funds would address the areas of concern that First Nations Child and Family Services were encountering in their programming and services to First Nations children in Alberta.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

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1. The Chiefs in Assembly support the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Treaty No.6, Treaty No.7 and Treaty No.8 in their efforts to ensure that INAC reinstates the 10 percent hold back on allocations for First Nations Child and Family Services.

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