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

Resolution no. 25/2008

SUBJECT:	MOU with the First Nations Veterans of Canada
MOVED BY:	Jim Billy, Proxy, Shackan Indian Band, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Kamloops Indian Band, BC
DECISION:	Carried by consensus.

WHEREAS:

A. The First Nations Veterans of Canada is a national corporation mandated to:

- Develop a database and maintain a registry of all First Nations Veterans of Canada;
- Be aware of the physical, social, and spiritual well being of First Nations Veterans of Canada;
- Develop and provide a formal organization through which all First Nations Veterans of Canada may voice their concerns fully and contribute to planning and development of policy;
- Organize the formation of regional membership of the First Nations Veterans of Canada and provincial/ territorial coordinating executive councils to advance the objectives of the First Nations Veterans of Canada;
- Propose and to advance programs, policy and positions on veteran's issues on behalf of all First Nations Veterans to the Government of Canada;
- Work with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other Government departments, the Royal Canadian Legion and any other associations concerned with advancing the well being of all war veterans;
- Create awareness throughout Canada on the contribution and sacrifices made by the First Nations Veterans, Peacekeepers and First Nation communities; and
- Support the many Canadian armed forces career opportunity programs including but not limited to CFAEP (Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program), Bold Eagle, Raven, and ALOY (Aboriginal Leadership Opportunity Year) programs;

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B. By Resolution No. 35/2007 the Chiefs-in-Assembly mandated the National Chief to support the First Nations Veterans of Canada to seek financial resources to negotiate with the Government of Canada to resolve injustices towards First Nations Veterans;

C. The First Nations Veterans of Canada have a working relationship with Veteran Affairs Canada and are targeting other Government departments to address outstanding injustices towards First Nations Veterans; and

D. The First Nations Veterans of Canada require the on-going political, financial, and administrative support of the Chiefs-in-Assembly and the Assembly of First Nations in fulfilling its' mandate and resolving outstanding injustices towards First Nations Veterans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly affirm their commitment to supporting the mandate of the First Nations Veterans of Canada in resolving outstanding injustices towards First Nations Veterans.
2. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the National Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Nations Veterans of Canada to define the working relationship and processes by which the Assembly of First Nations will provide political, financial, and administrative support to the First Nations Veterans of Canada.
3. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the National Chief to report annually to the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the working relationship between the Assembly of First Nations and the First Nations Veterans of Canada.

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