SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2010, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 69/2010

TITLE:	Support for an Apology to Residential School Survivors on the Land
SUBJECT:	Residential Schools
MOVED BY:	Chief David McDougall, St. Theresa Point First Nation, Manitoba
SECONDED BY:	Chief Michael Yellowback, Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Manitoba
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Prime Minister of Canada has apologized to all residential school survivors for the devastating impacts caused by the residential school policy.

B. Victor Harper was forcefully removed as a child from his parents while exercising their rights within their traditional territories.

C. Victor Harper continues to exercise his inherent rights on the same traditional lands from which he was removed as a child, to this day.

D. Victor Harper believes his apology should be delivered to him by a federal government representative on the same traditional territory he was removed from as a child.

E. Victor Harper believes that such apology has historical and spiritual significance to his family and community healing.

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

1. Support Victor Harper's stand for a federal government representative to deliver a formal apology in a manner consistent with treaty-making practices (ie. handshake) on his traditional territory from which he was removed as a child.

2. Encourage representatives of Canada to directly and personally apologize to all Indian Residential School Survivors exercising their traditions and living on the land.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 16th day of December, 2010 in Gatineau, Quebec

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