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

Resolution no. 48/2010

TITLE:	Advancing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
SUBJECT:	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Ed John, Proxy, Nak'azdli Indian Band, British Columbia
SECONDED BY:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Chiefs in Assembly endorsed the report *"Our Nations, Our Governments: Choosing Our Own Paths"* by resolution on March 31st, 2005 and the strategy and process presented in the report as the basis of discussions with the Federal Crown to achieve reconciliation;

B. Chiefs-in-Assembly by way of resolution 6/2007 affirmed an overall policy and advocacy framework for AFN based on the requirement of reconciliation, recognition and implementation of First Nation governments.

C. Chiefs-in- Assembly by way of resolution 37/2007 ratified the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and called on Canada to immediately endorse the Declaration and to work in partnership with Indigenous peoples in Canada;

D. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration) reflects the commitment of the UN's member states to move in the direction of eliminating human rights violations against our World's 370 million indigenous people, assisting in combating various forms of discrimination and marginalization.

E. On November 12, 2010, Canada formally endorsed the UNDRIP.

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

1. Affirm our direction and call on Canada to immediately work in full partnership with First Nations to advance the work needed to achieve reconciliation and the standards as set out in the Declaration;
2. Affirm the need for priority action in accordance with the following:
   - education – delivering sustainable, equitable First Nation education systems consistent with Aboriginal and Treaty rights and the right of First Nation children to learn, to achieve and to succeed
   - advancing Treaty and the Treaty relationship including through the development of a Treaty Tribunal in all aspects of the Crown- First Nation Treaty relationship
   - advancing Aboriginal title recognition including through comprehensive claims policy reform and dispute resolution mechanisms
   - overcoming the colonial relationship of the Indian Act and enabling First Nation governments through:
   - substantial reform of the fiscal relationship between the Federal Crown and First Nations to end fiscal imbalance in favour of sustainable transfers based on real rates of growth; and;
   - support for nation-building through capacity building and institutional development measures developed jointly with First Nations; and,
   - federal policy renewal and machinery of government changes in the form of elimination of the *Indian Act* and the Department of Indian Affairs.
3. Urge the Government of Canada to ensure that all agreements signed between the Government of Canada and First Nations specifically refer to the Declaration.
4. Re-affirm the fundamental requirement for unity and coordinated action among First Nations in the achievement of reconciliation and the implementation of First Nation governments, as expressed in resolution 6/2007.

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