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

Resolution no. 81/2010

TITLE:	Full Commemoration of Dakota Military Contribution to the War of 1812
SUBJECT:	Veterans
MOVED BY:	Chief Cy Standing, Wahpeton Dakota First Nation, Saskatchewan
SECONDED BY:	Chief Cornell Pache, Dakota Tipi First Nation, Saskatchewan
DECISION:	Resolution was referred to AFN executive by Chiefs-in-Assembly on December 16, 2010. Passed by the AFN Executive at a duly convened meeting on January 20, 2011

WHEREAS:

A. Chiefs-in-Assembly passed resolution 22-2009 which called for the full involvement of First Nations in commemoration of the War of 1812.

B. The Dakota Nation, along with other Indigenous Nations, provided substantial support to the British and their allies in the War of 1812.

C. Led by Chief Wabahsa, the Dakota were a strong and dependable ally to the British in the battles against American expansionism, which ultimately helped establish the 49th parallel and secure Western Canada.

D. The Dakota assisted in the 1812 Battle of Michilimackinac (Fort Mackinac), took part in the recapture of Prairie du Chien and remained part of the force which retained control of the fort and upper Mississippi valley until the Treaty of Ghent was ratified in 1815.

E. While serving as British allies, the Dakota were promised that they would be consulted on any peace agreements. This promise was not kept and Dakota territories were deemed to be “American” under the Treaty of Ghent.

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

1. Reiterate their direction to Canada to work with First Nations to deal honourably with War of 1812 commemoration activities as outlined in resolution 22-2009, and ensure that the role of the Dakota Nations is properly recognized and celebrated in Western Canada.

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