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

Resolution no. 79/2010

TITLE:	Secwepemc Jurisdiction over Child and Family Services in Traditional Territory
SUBJECT:	Child Welfare
MOVED BY:	Chief Nelson Leon, Adams Lake Indian Band, British Columbia
SECONDED BY:	Kukpi7 Frederick Robbins, Esketemc Alkali Lake Indian Band, British Columbia
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. Articles 7(2) and 8(1) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples confirm that: 7(2) Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group; and: 8(1) Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture.

B. BC's Child Family and Community Services Act has failed First Nations.

C. Secwepemc Chiefs signed a Declaration to work together to define and develop full jurisdiction over Secwepemc children and families in the traditional territory.

D. The Stsmemelt Project has successfully engaged our communities in healing and in dreaming of a better future for Secwepemc children.

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

1. Mandate the AFN to champion the Secwepemc Nation's goal of full jurisdiction over Secwepemc children and families in their traditional territory.

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2. Direct the National Chief to advocate to the federal Minister of Indian Affairs and the British Columbia Minister of Child and Family Development to work to revoke the current federal and provincial legislation governing child welfare in Secwepemc territory.

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