



## TREATY NO.6 CHIEFS RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION:** 11-29-2012/#01R

**SUBJECT: TREATY SIX OPPOSITION TO ALL FEDERAL  
LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS AND POLICY  
CHANGES**

**WHEREAS** a Quorum of Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations did meet in a duly convened meeting held at the Mayfield Inn and Suites, at Edmonton, AB., within Treaty Six traditional territory, on November 29, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** the existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed within the UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION on the RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE which Canada as a member of the United Nations has endorsed in particular articles 18 & 19, which state:

*Article 18*

Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions.

*Article 19*

States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative Governments and institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them; and

**WHEREAS** Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* recognized and affirmed the existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court of Canada has determined that the Crown has a legal duty to consult with First Nations when Crown decisions may adversely impact First Nations' constitutionally protected treaty rights to Land, Livelihood, Health and Education; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has failed to **meaningfully consult** with First Nations for shared decision-making on issues that have a direct impact on them through consideration of their Aboriginal and Treaty Rights as recognized by our Treaties, and the legal principles of free, prior and informed consent; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government, as representative of the Crown, has unilaterally imposed Acts, Regulation, and Policy, and introduced Private Members, Senate and House Bills which undermine the Collective Rights of First Nations such as but not limited to: Bill C-27, the First Nations

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Financial Transparency Act; Bill S-6, the First Nations Elections Act; Bill S-2- Family Homes on Reserve and Matrimonial Interests Act; Bill S-8, the First Nations Safe Drinking Water Act; Bill C-38; the Jobs, Growth and Prosperity Act; Bill C-45, the 2nd Act to implement the Job, Growth and Prosperity Act; Bill C-428, an Act to Amend the Indian Act; the Canadian Human Rights Act; Bill C-10, the Safe Streets and Communities Act; the proposed First Nations Private Property Ownership Act; the proposed First Nations Education Act; Bill S-207, an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act (Non-derogation of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights); Bill S-212, First Nations Self-government Recognition Bill.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations oppose all proposed Acts, Regulations and Policy changes that the Federal Government is proposing or contemplating and emphatically object to the offloading of federal responsibilities of the Government of Canada to the Provinces and other agencies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations call on all parties, community members and federal opposition parties to oppose all Acts, Regulations and Policy through whatever means they have at their disposal; and

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations call on the Government of Canada provide First Nations the opportunity to participate in a more meaningful consultation process with respect to jurisdiction on our lands and the ability to practice our constitutionally protected rights freely, and to afford First Nations all the rights identified within the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples and under the terms of the Numbered Treaty agreements; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations are in favor of tabling a resolution at the Winter sitting of the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs that will enable the Nations of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) to support their collective position.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF CAMERON ALEXIS, ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF EDDY MAKOKIS, SADDLE LAKE FIRST NATION**

**QUESTION CALLED**

**VOTE:**

**FOR: unanimous consent      AGAINST: 0      ABSTENTIONS: 0**

**Certified Correct:**

  
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**Chairperson - Charles Wood**