Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs

Chiefs Council

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xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Territory), Vancouver, B.C.

### Draft Resolution no. 2016-\_\_

**RE: Title is descriptive and reflective of the intention of the support resolution**

**WHEREAS** this section provides the background information for the resolution;

**WHEREAS** it identifies the exact problem to be addressed and the rationale;

**WHEREAS** reference relevant section(s) of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

(A/RES/61/295 - Online copy: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/drip.html>);

**WHEREAS** each “whereas” is a reason for the resolution and each reason requires a separate clause;

**WHEREAS** if the rationale cannot be explained in five clauses or less due to the complexity of the issue, then background or supporting documentation may be attached; and

**WHEREAS** this section prepares the reader for the action presented in the “therefore be it resolved” section.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** this is the very reason why the resolution is being drafted in the first place;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the course of action should be identified here;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** be as clear as possible what the resolution is to achieve;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** try to begin each clause with an action verb (direct, call-upon, request, etc.);

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** there should be no doubt as to what action is being requested, who should do it, how it should be done and when it should be done;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** clauses addressing federal or provincial issues should direct the UBCIC to request the federal or provincial government to work to achieve the desired objective (e.g., “that the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC to urge the federal or provincial government to…”);

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly cannot direct another organization or government to do something, however, a course of action can be recommended to another organization (e.g., “that the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the UBCIC Executive and staff to work with like-minded organizations to…”);

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** a recommendation for action must consider the cost of doing so and may be contingent upon funding – any available funding sources should be identified in the resolution.

**Moved: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community**

**Seconded: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community**

**Disposition:**

**Date:**