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ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OCT 2<sup>ND</sup> TO 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
MOCCASIN SQUARE GARDENS, Tk'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC TERRITORY

**Resolution no. 2018-47**

## **RE: Support for the Moose Hide Campaign**

**WHEREAS** Indigenous women are three times more likely to experience domestic violence than non-Indigenous women, and three times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be killed by someone they know. This cycle of violence is rooted in the intersecting issues of colonization, residential schools, and racism against our Peoples. This is a rampant issue that has led to high numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and has caused women and girls to feel unsafe in their homes and communities;

**WHEREAS** the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the government of British Columbia, committed to implement, affirms:

### **Article 7**

(1) Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.

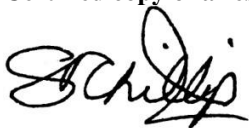
(2) Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.

### **Article 21**

(1) Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.

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(2) States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities;

**WHEREAS** the *Moose Hide Campaign* is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who stand up to violence towards women and children. Wearing a square of moose hide signifies their commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in their lives and to work together to end violence against them. The Moose Hide Campaign's vision is to spread its message to organizations, communities, and governments throughout Canada through the distribution of 10 million moose hide squares; and

**WHEREAS** the Moose Hide Campaign enables men and boys to take proactive action toward the elimination of violence against women and girls.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support the Moose Hide Campaign and are committed to ending violence against women and children;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the UBCIC Executive to provide a letter of support to the Moose Hide Campaign;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon the Province of British Columbia, the Government of Canada and all Canadians to support the Moose Hide Campaign and to wear the Moose Hide pin to symbolize their commitment to end violence against women and children;

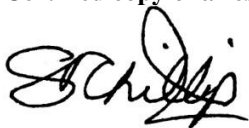
**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly urge the federal and provincial governments to ensure adequate resources are provided to Indigenous organizations who are proactively working to end violence against Indigenous women and children; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the UBCIC Executive and staff to work with the Moose Hide Campaign and other like-minded organizations to ensure the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada make progress toward ending violence against Indigenous women and children.

**Moved:** Kukpi7 Ryan Day, Bonaparte Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** October 4, 2018

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