

**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS
Spring Leadership Meeting
Fort Liard, Denendeh — 97 MAY 26-30**

DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY29-#11

Re. Respect for Community Authority over Traditional Lands

WHEREAS the aboriginal peoples of the Deh Cho territory have occupied, used, and shared our lands since time immemorial in ways that ensure our lands are available to the generations yet to come,

AND WHEREAS our peoples have respected use of our lands by neighbouring aboriginal peoples and newcomers and, at Treaty making, agreed to share our lands with the Crown,

AND WHEREAS the DCFN Leadership passed a Resolution directing visitors, government, and industry wanting to use our lands to contact the Deh Cho Grand Chief,

AND WHEREAS increasing use of lands traditionally used by families now associated with local aboriginal community governments is being made, often without the prior knowledge of either the Deh Cho Grand Chief or the aboriginal community Council —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves, the DCFN Leadership affirms its support for respectful conduct by anyone wanting to use Deh Cho traditional lands — including our own people and businesses, newcomers and visitors, government and industry officials — by at a minimum contacting the Deh Cho Grand Chief and the aboriginal community Leader about potential use they wish to make of lands traditionally used by local families;

AND THEREFORE, the DCFN Leadership directs the Deh Cho Grand Chief to ensure that this Resolution receives the widest possible circulation.

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SECONDED BY

Chief Pat Martel, Katf'Odeche Firsr Nation
Chief Lloyd Chicot, Kààgee Tú First Nation

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