

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

DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY29-#14

Re. Deh Cho Rights Protection Process

WHEREAS the 1996 Deh Cho Assembly in Resolution #4 directed the DCFN Leadership to set up an office to protect our peoples' rights,

AND WHEREAS the DCFN Executive Committee has suggested a process for developing a Deh Cho Rights Protection Office along with the capacity building in our communities, as recommended by the DCFN Self-Government Workshop held in February —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves, the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership supports the suggested process,

AND THEREFORE, the Leadership of the Deh Cho First Nations directs the DCFN Executive Committee to

- (1) Contract an aboriginal rights specialist part-time and a part-time rights "trainee" to visit our communities to inform our members about rights and to find out what kind of rights work our members want us to do in a Rights Protection Office, reporting to the Deh Cho Grand Chief; also assist with fund raising to set up the office
- (2) Direct the aboriginal rights specialist and rights "trainee" to report to the Deh Cho Grand Chief and the Naxe'Cho, who take responsibility to develop draft plans and budget for the Deh Cho Rights Protection Office for presentation to the 1998 Assembly.

MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

President Marilyn Napier, Fort Simpson Métis Nation
Chief Yvonne Norwegian, Tthe'K'ehdeli First Nation

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