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Spring Leadership Meeting
Fort Liard, Denendeh — 97 MAY 26-30

DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY30--#24

Re. Commitment to Capacity Building for Self-Government

WHEREAS DCFN Leaders, Elders, and staff attending the FEB 1997 self-government workshop supported capacity building as one of our most essential activities for preparing to regain self-government,

AND WHEREAS no federal or NWT has a firm commitment and sufficient funding available to support the capacity building of aboriginal Councils in the Dene homeland for preparing to regain self-government —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves, the DCFN Leadership calls on the new federal Cabinet — and, in particular, the new DIAND Minister with responsibility for the NWT Council — to state and demonstrate their commitment with funding to aboriginal Councils in the Dene homeland for capacity building to prepare for regaining self-government;

AND THEREFORE, the DCFN Leadership encourages the NWT Cabinet to transfer funding intended for the delegation of municipal-like responsibilities to communities without adequate administrative support instead to funding for aboriginal Councils to build their capacity to prepare for regaining self-government.

MOVED BY Chief Pat Martel, Katl'Odeeché First Nation
SECONDED BY Chief Lloyd Chicot, Kààgee Tú First Nation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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