

RESOLUTION #11JAN98

Re: MacKenzie Valley Resources Management Act

Whereas, the Deh Cho are descendents of Dene Peoples who entered into Treaty with the British Crown; and

Whereas, the Deh Cho have never entered into an agreement, land claim settlement or any other arrangement with the state of Canada and;

Whereas, the Dene's understanding of the Treaty was confirmed in the *Paulette* case as a Peace and Friendship Treaty; and

Whereas, the Treaty did not surrender, extinguish or alienate our territories in the Treaty Process; and

Whereas, the Deh Cho leadership at their Winter Leadership Assembly, held at the Hay River Dene Reserve, Denendeh, where we had an opportunity to review the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, the amendments suggested by the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and the subsequent regulations which were drafted; and

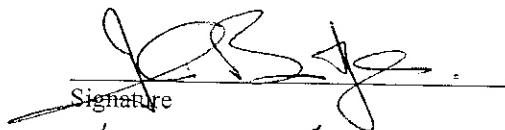
Whereas, all the materials are completely unacceptable to us. The Deh Cho Leadership cannot give our consent to the legislation, the proposed amendments and the regulations as they are a violation of our Treaty Rights as recognized and confirmed by the *Sioui, Paul and Sundown* cases on Treaty Rights and our right of consent;

Therefore be it resolved that the Deh Cho leadership instructs Deh Cho staff to pursue all our options including legal action against the Federal Government of Canada; and

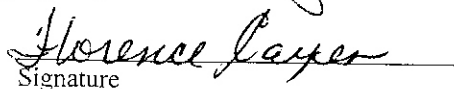
Be it further resolved that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be informed that the Deh Cho is completely opposed to the intention of the Department; and

Be it further resolved that Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be given notice that she is in breach of the trust obligations due to Deh Cho Dene based on the Treaty relationship.

Moved By: CHIEF JOACHIM BONNETROUGE

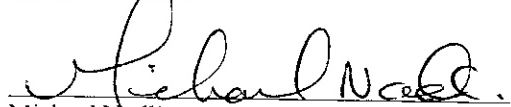

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Seconded By: CHIEF FLORENCE CAYEN

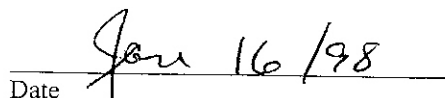

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CERTIFIED BY:



Michael Nadli
Grand Chief
Deh Cho First Nations


Date