

DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS

Spring Leadership Meeting
Ft. Liard, NT
May 15-19, 2000

RESOLUTION#11-05-00

RE: Negotiate a Treaty to resolve its Land & Governance Rights

WHEREAS, the Leadership of the Deh Cho First Nations is elected, pursuant to the Deh Cho constitution and the Deh Cho First Nations' inherent right to self-government, in order to provide for a responsible and democratic form of government; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership is desirous that the Deh Cho First Nations achieve certainty regarding its land and governance rights over its traditional territory; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership is desirous that Deh Cho First Nations negotiate a treaty with Canada, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alberta and British Columbia to provide certainty to their rights; and

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership has met in a quorum at a duly convened meeting within the Deh Cho First Nations Leadership in Ft. Liard, NT on May 18, 2000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Deh Cho First Nations Leadership hereby directs and authorizes its representatives to initiate work leading to the creation of a negotiated resolution of its land and governance rights with Canada, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alberta and British Columbia within any process that is feasible for concluding such treaties (eg. British Columbia Treaty Commission or any special trans-boundary commission); and
2. Deh Cho First Nations Leadership hereby directs and authorizes that the Chief of the Acho Dene Koe First Nation be the sole representative of the Acho Dene Koe Nation with respect to its trans-boundary claims where ever found; and
3. That the said representative do all things necessary and deal with all relevant governments so as to settle all the trans-boundary claims of the Acho Dene Koe First Nation.