

Deh Cho First Nations

Deh Cho Resolution Approved by the DCFN Special Assembly on the Deh Cho Proposal 1996 DEC 13

WHEREAS, the DCFN Special Assembly met on the Hay River Reserve on December 9–13, 1996, *and*

WHEREAS, our Deh Cho homeland and Treaty and Aboriginal rights remain intact, *and*

WHEREAS, section 35 of the *Canadian Constitution Act, 1982* recognizes and affirms our Aboriginal, Treaty, and inherent rights, *and*

WHEREAS, the federal government identifies the inherent right to self-government and respect for Treaties as a priority, *and*

WHEREAS, the Deh Cho First Nations will implement our inherent right to self-government as a priority, *and*

WHEREAS, the extinguishment of Aboriginal and Treaty rights is non-negotiable —

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Deh Cho First Nations pursue negotiations based on the federal inherent right to self-government policy, *and*

THEREFORE, be it further resolved that interim protection mechanisms be put in place on Deh Cho lands.

MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

Chief Tim Lennie, Pehdzeh Kí First Nation
Chief Herb Norwegian, Łíídljì Kùé First Nation

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH APPROVAL BY 118 DELEGATES

[two delegates abstained because our
Treaties were not prominent enough]