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Special Assembly Fort Simpson, NT November 28-30, 2006

Resolution # 01

Moved by:

Jonas Antoine, Delegate Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Dolphus Jumbo, A/Chief Sambaa K'e Dene Band

Carried

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Herb Norwegian **Grand Chief**

RE: KFN Protected Areas Strategy

WHEREAS, the Dehcho First Nations is a partner in the development and implementation of the Protected Areas Strategy and;

WHEREAS, the Katlodeeche First Nation is seeking to advance conservation zone 15 of the Dehcho Land Use Plan (June 2006 map) through the Protected Areas Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dehcho First Nations support the Katlodeeche First Nation in its efforts to move the proposed lands to permanent protection under the Protected Areas Strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Katlodeeche First Nation will continue to be the lead agency in moving these lands forward under the Protected Areas Strategy.



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Special Assembly November 29-30, 2006 Ft. Simpson, NT

Moved by:

Stanley Sanguez, Chief Jean Marie River First Nation

Seconded by:

Dolphus Codille, Delegate Acho Dene Koe

Carried

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Herb Norwegian Grand Chief Resolution # 02

RE: Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

WHEREAS, the Pehdzeh Ki First Nation has experienced organizational growth challenges over time due to significant external and internal growth pressures; and

WHEREAS, the Pehdzeh Ki First Nation has experienced an increase in government and industry activity on our traditional territory

WHEREAS, Pehdzeh Ki First Nation is often under pressure to respond in a timely manner to many different initiatives at the same time; and

WHEREAS, the Pehdzeh Ki First Nation understands the importance of meeting our government's responsibilities in a timely and productive manner,

WHEREAS, the Pehdzeh Ki First Nation understands the importance of building capacity along with the importance of good Band governance policies, procedures, programs and practices; and

WHEREAS, the Pehdzeh Ki First Nation desires to advance the socio-cultural and economic development of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Pehdzeh Ki First Nation wishes to work in unity through good communications with the Dehcho First Nation members;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dehcho First Nations Special Assembly support PKFN in its initiatives to move forward on PKFN socio-cultural and economic development activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PKFN will maintain open communications and work hard to establish best practices that are consistent with the aspirations of the Dehcho First Nations in building a strong socio-cultural and economic base for our people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dehcho First Nations Special Assembly will support the development and implementation of a unity vision plan for PKFN that is consistent with Dene law.





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Special Assembly Fort Simpson, NT November 28-30, 2006 Resolution # 03

Moved by:

Keyna Norwegian, Chief Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:

Tim Lennie, Chief Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

Carried 1 Abstention – Gerald Antoine

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Herb Norwegian Grand Chief **RE: Negotiations Mandate**

WHEREAS Treaties 11 and 8 confirmed the nation to nation relationship between the Dehcho Dene and Canada which continues to be fundamental to the relationship between the Dehcho and Canada; and

WHEREAS Treaties 11 and 8 confirmed that the Dehcho Dene are the owners and stewards of the lands and resources in their territory, and that the Dene agreed to allow the subjects of the Crown to live on Dene lands in peace and friendship, and that in return the Crown would provide certain benefits to the Dene; and

WHEREAS there continues to be disagreement between Canada and the DFN with respect to ownership and jurisdiction because the written form of the Treaties does not match the Dene oral version of the Treaties; and

WHEREAS the intention of the Dehcho Process is to produce a final agreement which will achieve certainty by clarifying and building upon Treaties 11 and 8; and

WHEREAS the DFN reaffirm our commitment to the Dehcho Proposal which rejects land selection and would achieve certainty through shared stewardship of the whole Dehcho territory; and

WHEREAS, Canada has recently declared that they will only negotiate a land and self-government agreement with the Dehcho if it is based on land selection; and

WHEREAS the DFN seek a lands and self-government agreement with Canada which balances the need to protect ecologically sensitive areas and key harvesting areas with the need for Dehcho communities to have sufficient lands and resources and governance powers to ensure that they can achieve economic self-reliance, cultural integrity and self determination; and

WHEREAS the Land Use Plan which was developed by the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee under the terms of the IMA signed by Canada in 2001 is an integral part of the Dehcho Process and is fair, balanced and based on compromises by all parties; and

WHEREAS key objectives of the Dehcho Proposal will be achieved by implementing the Land Use Plan developed by the Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- The Dehcho final agreement will recognize and affirm Aboriginal and Treaty rights and achieve certainty by clarifying and building on Treaties 11 and 8, not through extinguishment of rights;
- DFN reaffirm our commitment to the Dehcho Proposal which rejects land selection and would achieve certainty through shared stewardship of the whole Dehcho territory;
- Despite our commitment to the Dehcho Proposal, DFN will hold exploratory discussions with Canada on an Agreement-in-Principle which may be based on the selection of surface and subsurface lands;
- Negotiations with Canada on the timely implementation of the Land Use Plan and the ongoing role of the Land Use Planning Committee, as set out in the IMA, will continue;
- Agreements will balance conservation values and long term sustainable economic development;
- AIP negotiations will also address selfgovernment and jurisdiction relating to lands and resources which are appropriate for the unique needs and circumstances of the DFN and for the use and enjoyment of the Dehcho Dene; and
- AiP Negotiations will determine governing structures and jurisdictions at both the regional and community levels based on the inherent rights of Dehcho Dene to self-government and self determination under Section 35 of the Constitution Act. 1982





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Moved by:

Leon Thomas, Delegate West Point First Nation

Seconded by:

Jim Antoine, Delegate Liidlii Kue First Nation

Carried 3 Abstentions

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Herb Norwegian Grand Chief Resolution # 04

RE: Communications Plan

WHEREAS, DFN is negotiating with Canada to achieve a Dehcho First Nations final agreement.

WHEREAS, community members need to be fully informed and involved in the development of a Dehcho final agreement.

WHEREAS, the principles of negotiations are based on the Dehcho Proposal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the DFN develop a comprehensive communication and information strategy designed to inform and engage community members in the process will be presented to the next Leadership meeting.

DFN conduct internal exploratory discussions to integrate land selection within the land use plan;

DFN develop a campaign by leaders and elected members to lobby Federal and Territorial Ministers, Assembly of First Nations, the United Nations, industry representative and environmental groups to educate and attain support for a Dehcho Final Agreement.

DFN work with other claimant groups to seek advice and learn from their experience in their implementation processes.