



DEHCHO FIRST NATIONS

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Deh Gah Gotie First Nation

For: 26

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Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

**RE: Lands and Resources – Asserting Treaty-
Based Ownership and Stewardship**

WHEREAS, the Dehcho Process is rooted in the affirmation and implementation of the Dehcho version of Treaty 11, which guarantees our rights to lands, resources and self-determined governance as Dehcho peoples; and

WHEREAS, negotiations on ownership of lands and resources were paused in 2019, until such time as there is a reasonable prospect of the parties finding common ground in a modern agreement that protects Dehcho lands, resources, and ways of life; and

WHEREAS, negotiations specific to land and resource ownership were paused in 2019, pending a more constructive environment for dialogue and common ground among the parties; and

WHEREAS, current conditions now support a return to Treaty-based negotiations concerning lands and resources; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that any resulting agreement fully recognize the inherent right of the Dehcho Dene and Metis to own, govern and steward our lands and resources, consistent with Treaty and Dene Law;

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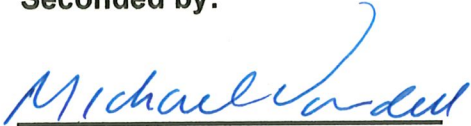
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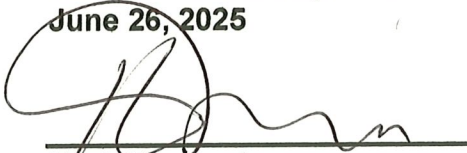
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

1. Dehcho First Nations Negotiators are mandated to resume negotiations with Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories towards an Agreement that clarifies and builds upon Treaty 11 and our inherent rights, with a focus on self-government and all matters relating to Dehcho lands and resources, including shared stewardship and joint decision-making; and
2. Negotiations must advance a Treaty-based agreement that affirms sole Dehcho ownership and jurisdiction over a fair and substantial quantum of surface and sub-surface lands while also establishing nation to nation stewardship over the remaining lands and resources across the Dehcho territory.