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**BCAFN 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2011 WESTIN WALL CENTRE**

**RESOLUTION 06(n)/2011**

**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (IAP)**

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**MOVED BY:**

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**SECONDED BY:**

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**DECISION: Carried by consensus as part of omnibus Resolution 06/2011**

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## **WHEREAS:**

- A. The government of Canada was responsible for residential schools;
- B. The negative impact of residential schools on our people now spans a number of generations;
- C. Resources are lacking in providing support to First Nations in their healing journey; and,
- D. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) officials are actively participating in sensitive areas of the Independent Assessment Process (IAP), namely contacting First Nation members identified as "Persons of Interest", without considering the legitimacy of an allegation and without ensuring that there are sufficient safety nets available for First Nations who may be involved in these complex matters.

## **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The Chiefs in Assembly direct the BCAFN to request the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Senior AAND officials to cease their direct involvement in the area of contacting "Persons of Interest;"

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2. The Chiefs in Assembly direct the BCAFN to seek to ensure that the IAP process be truly independent for the safety and dignity of all First Nations peoples suffering from the negative impacts of the residential school system; and,
3. The Chiefs in Assembly direct the BCAFN to support and advocate for increased fiscal resources to ensure that the First Nation journey of healing be completed.

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