



# BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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**BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Musqueam Community Centre, Vancouver, BC**  
**October 22-24, 2018**

**Resolution 16/2018**

**SUBJECT: BCAFN SUPPORT FOR THE MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN**

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**MOVED BY: CHIEF LEE SPAHAN, COLDWATER INDIAN BAND**

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**SECONDED BY: KUKPI7 RON IGNACE, SKEETCHESTN**

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**DECISION: CARRIED**

**ABSTENTION: SHANA THOMAS, PROXY, LYACKSON**

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. Indigenous women are three times more likely to experience domestic violence than non-Indigenous women, and three times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be killed by someone they know. This cycle of violence is rooted in the intersecting issues of colonization, residential schools, and racism against our Peoples. This is a rampant issue that has led to high numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and has caused women and girls to feel unsafe in their homes and communities;
- B. the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the government of BC, committed to implement, affirms:
- Article 7
1. Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.

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**Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief**

2. Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.

Article 21

1. Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.

2. States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.

- C. The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children. Wearing this moose hide signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and to work together to end violence against women and children. Our vision is to spread the Moose Hide Campaign to organizations, communities, and governments throughout Canada;
- D. Many efforts, projects, and strategies are now under-way throughout the country to change this reality, but we can and need to do more. Silence is not good enough, and simply being a non-abuser is not good enough. We must speak up and take action, and we need to support each other as Indigenous and non-Indigenous men.
- E. The Moose Hide Campaign Mission is to end violence towards women and children. To help achieve this, the Moose Hide Campaign will distribute 10 Million Moose Hide squares across Canada.
- We will stand up with women and children and we will speak out against violence towards them.
  - We will support each other as men and we will hold each other accountable.
  - We will teach our young boys about the true meaning of love and respect, and we will be healthy role models for them.
  - We will heal ourselves as men and we will support our brothers on their healing journey.
  - We encourage you to Take Action, Make the pledge, and Stand up to end violence towards women and children.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The BC Chiefs-in-Assembly fully support the Moose Hide Campaign and are committed to ending violence women and children;
2. The BC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the BCAFN Regional Chief to provide a letter of support to the Moose Hide Campaign;

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3. The BC Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon the Province of British Columbia, the Government of Canada and all Canadians to commit to supporting the Moose Hide Campaign and to wear the Moose Hide pin to symbolize their commitment to end violence against women and children;
4. The BC Chiefs-in-Assembly urge the federal or provincial government to ensure adequate resourcing is provided to indigenous organizations who are proactively working to end violence against Indigenous women and children; and
5. The BC Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the BCAFN Regional Chief and staff to work with the Moose Hide Campaign and other like-minded organizations to ensure the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada makes progress on ending violence against Indigenous women and children.

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