



# BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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**BCAFN 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Westin Bayshore — Vancouver, BC**  
**November 27, 2012**

**Resolution 06(h)/2012**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DECLARATION ON STOPPING VIOLENCE AGAINST ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**MOVED BY: CHIEF MAUREEN CHAPMAN, SKAWAHLOOK FIRST NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF DOUG WHITE III, SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION**

**DECISION: CARRIED AS PART OF OMNIBUS RESOLUTION 06/2012**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. In Canada, Aboriginal women are five times more likely than other women to die as a result of violence and this problem is a national and international crisis. Violence against Aboriginal women must be addressed and eliminated;
- B. There are reports that more than 600 Aboriginal women are known to be either missing or murdered currently in Canada, and many more non-government organizations are conducting research and spreading awareness both nationally and internationally, such as Amnesty International Stolen Sisters and No More Stolen Sisters reports;
- C. Many of those who have gone missing or who have been found murdered are girls who may be in the care of the provincial ministries responsible for child and family services and foster care;
- D. There is a responsibility of all of us to redress the systemic racism and to eliminate the violence perpetrated against Aboriginal women within Canada;
- E. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states:

**Article 22:**

(1) Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of the Declaration;

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(2) States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination;

- F. The BCAFN has consistently worked with the First Nations Leadership Council and other like-minded organizations to take action and bring awareness to the critical and devastating issue of violence against Aboriginal women.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

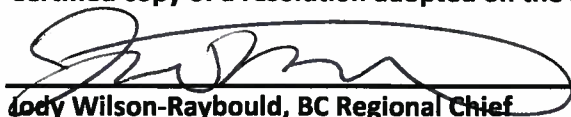
1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly firmly commit to continue actively working together with like-minded organizations to end violence against Aboriginal women;
2. The Chiefs-in-Assembly provide support-in-principle for the attached draft Declaration on Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women, pending final wording;
3. The Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Regional Chief to work with like-minded organizations to circulate the finalized Declaration on Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women among other leaders, communities, and organizations, and encourage them to adopt the Declaration;
4. The Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women for British Columbia to engage with other Aboriginal women's organizations and representatives in order to collaborate and coordinate efforts to end violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

*Background information or supporting documentation:*

- FNS Resolution #0912.10
- UBCIC Resolution #2012-37

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