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Resolution 05/2020

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO AFN JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE ACTION TABLE

MOVED BY: KUKPI7 JUDY WILSON, NESKONLITH INDIAN BAND

SECONDED BY: CHIEF DON TOM, TSARTLIP FIRST NATION

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has a number of policy/issue portfolios that are supported by working groups, tables or committees;
- B. working groups, tables or committees are created by AFN Chiefs Committees or created via resolution at the AFN Chiefs Assemblies;
- C. The AFN Jordan's Principle Action Table (JPAT) operates out of the National Advisory Committee on First Nations Child and Family Services (NAC) within the NAC Terms of Reference. The Table was developed as an effort to organize the workplan of the NAC to oversee and provide recommendations for medium and long term reform of First Nation Child and Family services;
- D. The JPAT is oriented towards proposing policy options for federal program authorities, service delivery models and funding to fully implement Jordan's Principle;

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- C. AFN Resolutions 40/2017, Call on Canada to Comply with the 2016 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Orders, 83/2016, National Advisory Committee on INAC's Child Welfare Reform Engagement Strategy and 62/2016, Full and Proper Implementation of the Historic Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Decisions in the Provision of Child Welfare Service and Jordan's Principle, calling on Canada to fully and immediately comply with Tribunal rulings to end discriminatory funding of child and family services and to properly implement Jordan's Principle.
- D. To encourage increased dialogue and advise on Jordan's Principle implementation and planning activities, the Jordan's Principle Operations Committee (JPOC) was struck. AFN Resolution 15/2019, *Jordan's Principle Operations* was passed at the AFN AGA in July 2019 and directs AFN to ensure ongoing coordination between the JPOC and Jordan's Principle Action Table (JPAT) for long-term implementation goals of all regions.
- F. On April 20, 2018 the BCAFN received a letter from AFN CEO Paulette Tremblay, requesting the BCAFN to consider an individual to represent the BC Region for JPAT;
- F. Per section 9.4 of the BCAFN Governance Manual, representatives are appointed to AFN Chief and Technical Committees by the Regional Chief and Board of Directors,
 - 9.4 The AFN delegates to the Regional Chief specific portfolios relating to national policy matters. These portfolios are held by the Regional Chief and supported by various AFN Committees. The Regional Chief and the Board jointly appoint member delegates or external technical experts to sit on AFN Committees from time to time to represent BCAFN; and
- G. In an effort to increase transparency and accountability, the Regional Chief determined to bring the appointment of one (1) representative to the AFN Jordan's Principle Action Table to the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly for determination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly directs the Regional Chief and BCAFN Board of Directors to appoint the following one representative to the AFN Jordan's Principle Action Table:
 - 1. Gena Edwards
- 2. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly calls on the BCAFN representatives to the AFN Jordan's Principle Action Table to provide regular updates to the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly.

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