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Resolution 15/2020

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon St., Nanaimo, BC
March 4 & 5, 2020

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ANNUAL FUNDING AND SERVICES BY DELEGATED
ABORIGINAL AUTHORITIES UNDER MCFD TO CHIEFS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MOVED BY: GRAND CHIEF DOUG KELLY, PROXY, SOOWAHLIE

SECONDED BY: CHIEF DEREK MACDONALD, LAKE BABINE FIRST NATION

DECISION: CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. The BCAFN represents all BC First Nations, including First Nations who have passed Band Council Resolutions to create agencies delegated by the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to deliver child and family services to members of the First Nation;
- B. British Columbia First Nations are planning for and implementing their inherent right to pass laws for child and family services and to administer those laws, including resolve disputes.
- C. The existing delegated aboriginal agencies operating under the provincial *Child, Family and Community Services Act*, receive funding from the federal and provincial governments to cover an array of child and family services, depending on the level of delegation of the agency and the scope of services provided;
- D. Many of the Delegated Agencies are experienced in service delivery and support the implementation of First Nations jurisdiction over child and family well-being, and are aware this involves the shift from imposed provincial law and service agencies to First Nations law and self-determined choices on service delivery priorities and requirements;

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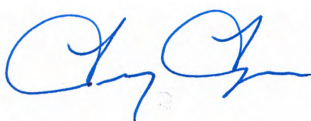
Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief

- E. Chiefs of British Columbia require full disclosure of financial information from Canada and British Columbia and the receipt of multi-year information on expenditures and the nature of files and numbers of children and families served by Delegated Agencies in order to plan for the exercise of jurisdiction and service delivery; and
- F. For First Nations without Delegated Agencies, there is no reliable comparison information on level of expenditure to compare with the approximately \$30,000.00 per year they receive from the Ministry for Children and Family Development, and full disclosure of information is important for informed review and planning for future shifts in service.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon Canada and British Columbia to make full disclosure of the total of each level of government's annual expenditures through financial agreements with the Delegated Agencies;
- 2. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon Canada and British Columbia to make full disclosure of the number of children and families served by each of the Delegated Agencies and in each of the categories of service provided, both voluntary and mandated (i.e. child protection and safety, guardianship, prevention, youth services, kinship care, child and youth mental health, adoptions, youth transitioning out of care, Jordan's principle);
- 3. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon Canada and British Columbia to provide ten (10) years of historic information and going forward to release this information in a comprehensive manner to the Chiefs after each fiscal year for their review; and
- 4. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the request for the ten-year information be provided immediately and that the information for 2019-2020 be made available by June 1, 2020, and for every year going forward within a reasonable period after the end of the fiscal year.

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