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Online via Zoom

Resolution 19/2020

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE INDIGENOUS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE FUNDING TO FLOW TO THE BC ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE SOCIETY

MOVED BY: CHIEF LEE SPAHAN, COLDWATER INDIAN BAND

SECONDED BY: CHIEF HARVEY MCLEOD, UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND

DECISION: ABSTENTION: CHIEF RAY GEROW, BURNS LAKE INDIAN BAND
CARRIED

WHEREAS:

- A. Canada has announced \$120 Million in emergency funding to support the evolving needs of Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) in the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the \$71 million available to First Nations nationally \$8,729,797 of which will be available to the BC Region;
- B. By Resolution 12/2016, the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly recognized that with limited resources, the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) has played a critical and essential role in First Nations Early Childhood Development and Care policy development, research, training and education and service delivery since 1996, and supported BCACCS becoming a Centre of Excellence for Aboriginal Early Childhood Development;
- C. As the mandated regional representative body, the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) has been providing emergency one-time COVID-19 funding support to First Nations and IELCC programs to cover activities for the period June 1 to September 30 2020; and

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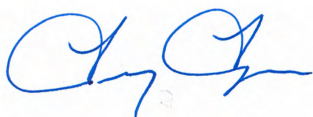
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- D. In order to have this additional emergency funding to First Nations as soon as possible, Canada has proposed it flow through BCACCS who can work directly with Nations to support ELCC programs and services to March 31, 2021.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly support emergency IELCC funding to flow to the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) as the regional lead agency in Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare (IELCC);
2. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call on BCACCS Board of Directors and staff to work directly with all First Nations to ensure IELCC programs and services are supported and resourced; and
3. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the BCAFN Regional Chief and staff to work with the BCACCS, and with the First Nations Summit and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs as the First Nations Leadership Council, to ensure emergency IELCC funding best responds to, and supports, First Nations children, families and communities in ways they determine.

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