

DRAFT RESOLUTION # 00 / 2016

AFN Annual General Assembly, July 12 - 14, 2016, Niagara Falls, ON

TITLE: Descriptive and reflective of the intention of the resolution

SUBJECT: Health, Education, Treaties, etc

MOVED BY: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community, province

SECONDED BY: Chief/Proxy, First name and last name, community, province

WHEREAS:

- A. All resolutions should begin by citing relevant sections of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf)
- B. This section provides the background information for the resolution.
- C. It identifies the exact problem to be addressed and the rationale.
- D. Each “whereas” is a reason for the resolution and each reason requires a separate clause.
- E. If the rationale cannot be explained in a five clauses or less due to the complexity of the issue, then background or supporting documentation may be attached.
- F. This section should prepare the reader for the action presented in the “therefore be it resolved” section below.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. This is the very reason why the resolution is being drafted in the first place.
2. The course of action that is being put forward should be identified here.
3. Each action requires a separate clause.
4. Be as clear as possible when stating what the resolution is meant to achieve.
5. Try to begin each clause with an action verb (direct, call-upon, request, etc.).
6. There should be no doubt as to what action is being requested, who should do it, how it should be done and when it should be done.
7. Clauses addressing federal issues should direct the AFN to request the federal government to work to achieve the desired objective, e.g., “that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the AFN to urge the federal government to...”
8. The Chiefs-in-Assembly cannot direct another organization or government to do something, however, a course of action can be recommended to another organization.
9. A recommendation for action must consider the cost of doing so and may be contingent upon funding – any available funding sources should be identified in the resolution.