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Resolution no. 2011-57

RE: Support of Industry Council for Aboriginal Business' Vision and Objectives

WHEREAS the Industry Council for Aboriginal Business (ICAB) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing value to its members through effective programming and by promoting mutual respect and understanding;

WHEREAS ICAB is dedicated to ensuring open communication with leadership in the development of initiatives that support economic development for First Nations communities and businesses;

WHEREAS the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* provides:

> **Article 21.1**: Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security;

WHEREAS ICAB's vision is to realize a vibrant British Columbia economy where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people prosper together;

WHEREAS ICAB has facilitated economic development partnerships between First Nations and industry for several years, and is seeking support to provide economic and capacity development services and programs to meet the specific and stated needs of First Nations communities and businesses;

WHEREAS ICAB seeks funding in order to implement the following programs:

- Research project to identify the need and demand for an Association that would support the specific capacity development needs of First Nations Economic Development Officers;
- *British Columbia Aboriginal Business Association* to provide business-development seminars and presentations, referrals and new contacts, procurement linkages to industry/business and activities that promote mutual support and networking among Aboriginal businesses;

- *Aboriginal Business Leader Exchange* to provide Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth, women and leaders opportunities to learn about each other's workplace, social and cultural environments as well as decision-making processes that will support relationship building and encourage on-going capacity-building at both the Aboriginal and corporate level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports the vision of the Industry Council for Aboriginal Business (ICAB) to realize a vibrant economy where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people prosper together;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports ICAB in seeking funding to implement: a research project to identify the need and demand for an Association to support the specific capacity development needs of First Nations Economic Development Officers; a British Columbia Aboriginal Business Association, and an Aboriginal Business Leader Exchange;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council requests that ICAB provide an update of its progress to the UBCIC Chiefs Council within six months.

Moved: **Chief Harold Aljam, Coldwater Indian Band**
Seconded: **Chief Kevin Whitney, T'ít'q'et**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **November 23rd, 2011**