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CHIEFS COUNCIL
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2011-63

RE: Support for Creation of the *Louise Mandell Legal Research Collection*

WHEREAS Louise Mandell, Q.C., devoted her professional life to the advancement of Indigenous Title, Rights and Treaty Rights, and actively supported the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) since its inception;

WHEREAS under the presidency and direction of Grand Chief George Manuel, Louise Mandell, Leslie Pinder and Clarine Ostrove acted as in-house legal counsel for the UBCIC on actions such as for the commencement of the lawsuit to oppose the patriation of the Canadian Constitution in 1981 and the historic "Constitution Express";

WHEREAS following a distinguished career of landmark court decisions like *Guerin v. the Queen*, *Regina v. Sparrow*, *Pasco v. C.N.R. Co*, *Regina v. Van der Peet*, *Delgamuukw v. British Columbia*, *Haida Nation et al v. British Columbia (Minister of Forests)*, and *Regina v. Morris & Olsen*, Louise Mandell retired from her legal practice in June 2011;

WHEREAS in recognition of Louise Mandell's tireless efforts on behalf of Indigenous Peoples, the UBCIC Executive pledged to create the *Louise Mandell Legal Research Collection*, a unique legal library collection that is a tangible reflection of her impact on UBCIC and Indigenous law;

WHEREAS the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) provides in Article 5 that "Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions" and in Article 14(1) that "Indigenous peoples have the right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning";

WHEREAS Resolutions 2008-44 and 2010-57 mandate UBCIC to provide community outreach, education and capacity building by way of creating access to relevant research resources, and Resolution

2009-46 supports the efforts of the Nesika Cultural and Heritage Society ("Nesika") to work on projects of community education and capacity building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chief Council sincerely acknowledges the many ongoing contributions of Louise Mandell and its appreciation to her family for supporting her all this time;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as an expression of appreciation the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully supports the creation of the *Louise Mandell Legal Research Collection* as part of the UBCIC Resource Centre; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council directs the UBCIC Executive and staff to work in partnership with the Nesika Cultural and Heritage Society and other like-minded organizations to seek funding to create and maintain the *Louise Mandell Legal Research Collection*.

Moved: **Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation**
Seconded: **Chief Dan Manuel, Upper Nicola Indian Band**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **November 23rd, 2011**