UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
42ND ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Resolution no. 2010-39

RE: B.C. Health Coalition

WHEREAS the Indigenous Nations that belong to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs assert their right to self-determination, particularly in the area of the health and well-being of our communities;

WHEREAS the UBCIC has passed a number of resolutions (2000-10, 2004-16, 2004-21, 2007-06, 2007-18, 2009-65) demanding action be taken in the area of First Nations health, and to close the gaps in health disparities experienced by First Nations, and maintains a role in political advocacy in health as directed by the UBCIC Chiefs Council;

WHEREAS the BC Health Coalition (BCHC) is a network of organizations and individuals representing over 600,000 British Columbians. BCHC champions the protection and expansion of a universal public health care system. They believe (1) health care is a right; (2) access to health care must be equitable; (3) issues that are basic to good health must be addressed;

WHEREAS the BCHC's ongoing priorities are: educating and mobilizing citizens in support of public health care; campaigns supporting seniors, home and community care; stopping the privatization of health care delivery; and advocating for public solutions to the challenges that the health care system faces. BCHC working groups or sub-committees are struck to take on these events, issues, etc;

WHEREAS the BCHC is a progressive advocacy body seeking protection for public health care. Membership within the BCHC would entail general networking with province-wide health advocacy groups, and the potential to develop campaign activities and objectives on specific health areas including First Nations health;

WHEREAS all First Nations in BC have access to public provincial health care in addition to federal health care for First Nations on-reserve and non-insured health benefits. First Nations are directly affected by public health care and thus have an interest in its protection and expansion.

WHEREAS the UBCIC supports the principles of the Canada Health Act, opposes privatization of health care, and supports the principles of the Canadian Health Coalition's Call to Care Statement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs-in-Assembly continues working to advance First Nations' interests in health, by joining the BC Health Coalition.

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Disposition: TABLED
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