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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
42ND ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 15TH-17TH, 2010
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2010-42

RE: The Establishment of the British Columbia First Nations Gaming Commission

WHEREAS First Nations Chiefs in BC object to the fact that First Nations were not consulted, nor were party to the 1985 federal-provincial agreement that unconstitutionally transferred the authority to operate gaming facilities to the provinces who then retained the associated revenues;

WHEREAS First Nations in BC have been discussing the issue of shared revenues and jurisdiction over gaming in British Columbia since 1993. In 2006, a Steering Committee of the BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Initiative (the "Steering Committee") was established for the purpose of supporting research and developing a gaming revenue sharing proposal via UBCIC Resolution 2007-02 *BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Initiative;*

WHEREAS all First Nations in BC require consistent, predictable and sustainable funding in order to support rebuilding our nations, our governments, and our economies; improve the capacity and infrastructure of First Nations communities; develop effective long-range planning; and pursue development opportunities to address the economic, social and cultural needs of their communities in the effort to combat systemic poverty;

WHEREAS First Nation communities in all the other provinces of Canada enjoy the annual benefits of multi-million dollar gaming revenues, while BC First Nations continue to receive minimal to no gaming revenue sharing;

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WHEREAS the Steering Committee has repeatedly attempted to engage the Province of British Columbia in negotiations. To date, these attempts have been unsuccessful, as evidenced by the latest reply from Premier Campbell, May 25, 2010, denying the most recent request for a meeting to resolve these issues. In this context, the Steering Committee is seeking to escalate its efforts and establish a formal BC First Nations Gaming Commission;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs-in-Assembly acknowledge and confirm our common position that BC gaming legislation does not apply nor have jurisdiction over gaming activities on First Nations lands in British Columbia.;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of the BC First Nations' Gaming Commission;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Chair and the members of the BC First Nations' Gaming Initiative to:

(a) Develop a draft terms of reference for the BC First Nations Gaming Commission and table the draft terms of reference for review, discussion and adoption at the November 2010 UBCIC Chiefs Council; and with the intent to

(b) Pursue all opportunities for regulating, managing and conducting First Nations gaming including traditional gaming, Bingos, Casinos, Lotteries, Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs), internet, and other forms of gaming.

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Moved: **Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band**
Seconded: **Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **September 16, 2010**

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