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UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2010-25

RE: UBCIC Mandate Statement

WHEREAS at the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Annual General Assembly in September 2009, the Constitution Committee was struck through UBCIC Resolution 2009-45 to "review the UBCIC Constitution and Bylaws" to develop:

- A Renewal Plan that considers: Priority Setting, Strategic Planning and Budgeting; Conduct of Union of BC Indian Chiefs meetings; Resolutions Management Process; and the structure of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Executive; and
- The Renewal Plan will provide milestones ensuring the UBCIC leadership are actively engaged in this renewal process and clear direction to ensure implementation of duly accepted recommendations;

WHEREAS at the UBCIC Chiefs Council in March 2010, UBCIC Resolution 2010-04 directed the Committee to continue its work and to ensure the incorporation of feedback by the Grand Chiefs that were in attendance at the founding of UBCIC in 1969, the current Executive Members and full and active members of the UBCIC;

WHEREAS at the UBCIC Chiefs Council in June 2010, UBCIC Resolution 2010-18 directed the Committee to continue its work, ensure the incorporation of feedback by Grand Chiefs, the current Executive Members and active members of the UBCIC, as well as to revise the draft mandate statement as presented to the Chiefs Council and to ensure the completion of its work by September 14th, 2010, the date set for a Special Assembly for the consideration of amendments to UBCIC's Constitution and Bylaws.

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Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President

WHEREAS the Constitution Committee has provided an update to the UBCIC Chiefs Council in March and June 2010, and sought feedback and input from the Chiefs Council and the current Executive Members, and sought input from the Grand Chiefs as well as full and active members of the UBCIC;

WHEREAS as directed by the Chiefs Council in June 2010, the draft mandate statement was presented and revised;

WHEREAS as per UBCIC Resolution 2010-18, further feedback was sought on August 6, 2010 via fax and email from Chiefs Councils on the draft mandate statement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the draft mandate statement is as follows:

> It is a guiding principle of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs ("UBCIC") that our Aboriginal Title and Rights are inherent – a gift and responsibility given by the Creator to our Peoples, together with the laws to carry out these responsibilities. The UBCIC's mandate is to work towards the implementation, exercise and recognition of our inherent Title, Rights and Treaty Rights and to protect of our Lands and Waters, through the exercise, and implementation of our own laws and jurisdiction.
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> The UBCIC strengthens Indigenous Nations to assert and implement their Aboriginal Title, Rights, Treaty Rights and Right of Self-Determination as Peoples. The UBCIC works collectively amongst Indigenous Nations in B.C. and to act as an advocacy body to provide a cohesive voice (regionally, nationally and internationally) in support of Indigenous Nations and communities, and to promote and protect each Nation's exercise of Sovereignty within their traditional territories.
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> The UBCIC upholds the principles and standards articulated in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) for the establishment and maintenance of a universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity, well-being and rights of Indigenous Peoples. The UBCIC advocates for Indigenous Peoples' Right of Self-Determination under international law including to freely determine their political status and pursue economic, social and cultural development. The UBCIC affirms Indigenous rights to own, use, develop and control our lands, waters and resources, according to our own laws, and the requirement of states to give legal recognition and protection to these rights.
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> The UBCIC seeks to provide open, respectful communications with membership and people of the land and citizens of the Province. The UBCIC is collectively directed by Indigenous Nations and communities, to support and strengthen Indigenous governments in the exercise of our inherent rights and responsibilities, including in the areas of political, social, economic, cultural, and spiritual Sovereignty and development.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Special Chiefs-in-Assembly adopt the mandate statement to be supported and endorsed and appended to the Union of BC Indian Chiefs Constitution and Bylaws.

Moved: **Chief Jonathan Krueger, Penticton Indian Band**
Seconded: **Chief Larry Nooski, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **September 14, 2010**

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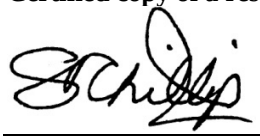

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