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## MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL RATIFICATION ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1988-71

MOVED BY:

Chief Ernie T. Sutherland Moose Factory Band

SECONDED BY:

Greta Gunner Representative MoCreeBec

Adopted by Consensus

Certified copy of a Resolution adopted on: March 10, 1988

Norm Wesley Chairman

MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

March 10, 1988 Attawapiskat, Ontario SUBJECT: JAMES BAY TRAPPER'S COUNCIL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

WHEREAS the indigenous peoples of the coastal communities of James and Hudson Bay have never surrendered our right to harvest wildlife from the land, the water and the air;

AND WHEREAS we entered into a sacred covenant with the Crown in 1905 and 1929, which guaranteed that these rights would continue as long as the sun shines and the river flows;

AND WHEREAS we rely heavily on the harvest of fur bearing animals, as we have for hundreds of years;

AND WHEREAS the aboriginal harvesting of furs plays an important role in maintaining a balanced population of healthy animals;

AND WHEREAS various organizations are continuing to campaign against the harvesting of furs, without adequate information and without regard for the effect on native peoples;

AND WHEREAS our communities face unemployment and severe disruption if the market for furs is interfered with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mushkegowuk Council express its support for the James Bay Trapper's Council, and recommend to its member First Nations that they provide financial support to the Council as they are able and see fit.

