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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 13TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 1998-08-15

Attawapiskat
First Nation

MOVED BY:

Gertrude Bodnarchuk, Elder
Missanabie Cree First Nation

SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF SECTION 6(2) OF THE INDIAN ACT

Kashechewan
First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Gwen Prevost, Delegate
New Post First Nation

WHEREAS the present section 6(2) of the Indian Act, adopted as part of Bill C-31, arbitrarily and unjustly "cuts off" the ability of certain descendants of certain native women to be recognized as Aboriginal persons;

Fort Albany
First Nation

Moose Cree
First Nation

WHEREAS Aboriginal persons and communities have the right to define who we are, and Aboriginal women have the right not to be discriminated against;

New Post
First Nation

ADOPTED

Abstentions:

Moose Cree Delegation
Chapleau Cree Delegation

WHEREAS the Ontario Native Women's Association is carrying out a continuing effort to have section 6(2) of the Indian Act eliminated, and has determined to bring this matter to the United Nations;

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Missanabie Cree
First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution
passed on August 27, 1998

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly support the elimination of section 6(2) of the Indian Act, because of its arbitrary and unjust cut-off of the rights of persons and communities to define who we are;

Lawrence Martin
Grand Chief

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly support the Ontario Native Women's Association in its efforts to have section 6(2) eliminated and to bring this matter before the United Nations.

August 27, 1998
Moose Factory, Ontario

