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Resolution No. 2004-05-002

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Missanabie Cree First Nation

Ernest C. Beck, Grand Chief

May 18, 2004 Attawapiskat, Ontario CANADA'S 1869 PROMISE OF RUPERT'S LAND FIRST NATION PROTECTION: COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WHEREAS in 1869 the Parliament of Canada requested that the Crown of England united the so-called Rupert's Land territories, which included our sacred homeland, with Canada;

AND WHEREAS in requesting the union of Rupert's Land with Canada, the Parliament of Canada solemnly resolved that "Upon the transference of the territories in question to the Canadian government, it will be the duty of the Government to make adequate provisions for the protection of the Indian tribes whose interests and well-being are involved in the transfers";

AND WHEREAS the British Crown united Rupert's Land with Canada, based on that solemn promise of the Canadian government;

AND WHEREAS since that solemn and profound protection undertaking of 1869 the Canadian government and the Ontario government have in fact taken numerous steps to undermine the most basic interests of Rupert's Land First Nations and the Mushkegowuk First Nations, including

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our control of and benefit from our ancestral lands, and our rights and practices of self-government;

AND WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk Council and the Mushkegowuk First Nations are pursuing legal action to have the Canadian courts enforce Canada's fundamental protection promise of 1869;

AND WHEREAS it is important that Mushkegowuk communities, Chiefs and Councillors, elders, youth and other citizens continue to be informed and to learn more about Canada's promise;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Council have the Statement of Claim in the Rupert's Land legal action translated into Cree, and bound for convenience, and copies distributed to every Chief and Councillor, school teacher, school library and First Nation Council offices in Mushkegowuk Territory, and, that copies be available at Mushkegowuk Council offices for individuals who may request them.

