SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2011, OTTAWA, ON

Resolution no.82/2011

TITLE:	Support For Action
SUBJECT:	Rights
MOVED BY:	Chief Murray Clearsky, Waywayseecappo First Nation, MB
SECONDED BY:	Brent Wilson, Proxy, Rolling River First Nation, MB
DECISION:	Passed by the AFN Executive Committee

WHEREAS:

A. Canada and United States trade exceeds over $600 billion per year with Canada sending 2.5 million barrels of oil per day to the United States.

B. Resource extraction including mining, timber, oil, and water generates hundreds of billions of dollars in revenue for federal and provincial governments without any royalties or payments being made to First Nations, who are the legitimate owners of these resources.

C. In areas where treaties have been signed by Indigenous peoples, the terms and obligations of said treaties are not being respected, implemented or fulfilled by the Crown, which nullifies the Crown's legal right to access the property of the rightful Indigenous owners.

D. In areas where treaties have not been signed by Indigenous people, Canada has no legitimate legal basis to access natural resources yet continues to extract natural resources without regard to the property rights of the rightful Indigenous owners.

E. Governmental approvals of resource extraction schemes, the production of oilsands and development of pipelines are causing huge environmental impacts and concerns for Indigenous peoples.

F. The continued denial of Indigenous title and fundamental human rights has resulted in Canadian indigenous peoples at the equivalent of the 72nd level of the United Nations Living Index, where Canada ranks 6th.

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G. The First Nations in Manitoba call for ongoing direct action to impress upon Canada the need to meaningfully address First Nation resource rights, environmental concerns and the need to eliminate proverty and poor living conditions in First Nation communities, and compel full implementation of treaties and modern land claim agreements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Support direct action initiatives of First Nation communities to encourage consultation, negotiation, accommodation and reconciliation with respect to their constitutionally protected rights, human rights and other international protected rights and interests.
2. Call upon Canada, the provinces and the international community to respect the fundamental human rights of Indigenous peoples to ownership of all natural resource wealth in Canada as recognized and supported by international and domestic law.
3. Call upon the international community to impress upon Canada to fairly and honourably resolve all outstanding First Nation claims and improve the social and human rights conditions of First Nations peoples.

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