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

Resolution no.79/2011

TITLE:	Chiefs Access to Benefits
SUBJECT:	All Chiefs Plan
MOVED BY:	Doug Kelly, Proxy, Soowhalie First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Dean Sayers, Ojibways of Batchewana First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Passed by the AFN Executive Committee

WHEREAS:

A. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Article 7. 1. states "Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person".

B. The ability to access life insurance, pension and other benefits is critical for these rights to be realized.

C. Too many Chiefs across Canada to do not have access to basic life insurance and pension plans.

D. Many Chiefs have asked the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to facilitate access to such plans.

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

1. Mandate the AFN to review and develop options for all leadership and council members which would provide access for Chiefs, Past Leadership and members of council across Canada to important life insurance and defined contribution pension benefits.
2. Direct that any plan developed by the AFN be voluntary.
3. Further direct that this plan be supplementary to existing benefits that Chiefs may have access to such as private plans and those provided by the government such as Non-Insured Health Benefits.
4. Direct that this plan include other benefits which may be of interest to Chiefs such as passes to AFN meetings.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 19th day of December, 2011 in Ottawa, Ontario

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