ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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| TITLE: | Creating a National First Nations Heritage Committee |
| SUBJECT: | Languages / Culture |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Keith Matthew, Simpcw First Nation, BC |
| SECONDED BY: | Richard Powless, Proxy, Six Nations, ON |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. There is presently not a National First Nations Heritage body where individual Regional heritage groups or departments may address common issues and share policies that may assist Nations across Canada in the protection, implementation of heritage type policies, and share common heritage practices at the Grass roots level within Canada; and

B. First Nations heritage, traditions, language and culture are recognized as key priorities in our communities and for the Assembly of First Nations in its Strategic Plan and Priorities.

C. Many First Nations face the same issues and concerns relating to protecting, teaching, and sharing traditional knowledge, heritage practices, culture and language.

D. A National First Nations Heritage Committee may assist the Assembly of First Nations and Regional First Nation heritage departments to advocate for and work towards achieving recognition of our rich heritage and our sacred traditional knowledge, as well as assisting in creating and sharing policies for the community, regional and national levels.

E. The Yukon First Nations Heritage Group (YFNHG) works with all 14 Yukon First Nations in heritage initiatives and common heritage interests that affect Yukon First Nation traditions and culture. YFNHG has worked on heritage and traditional knowledge policies that may interest and benefit other First Nations in Canada.

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

1. Mandate the Assembly of First Nations to create a National First Nations Heritage Committee to assist in the recognition and furtherance of our languages, cultures and traditional knowledge.
2. Direct the AFN to work collectively with its regional offices and existing First Nations Regional Heritage groups, such as Yukon First Nations Heritage Group, to create the National First Nations Heritage Committee.
3. Direct the AFN to seek funding from the Federal Government, in particular Heritage Canada and corporations, to support activities of the AFN National Heritage Committee.
4. Recognize the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres and ensure their work is honoured and respected.

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