ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 20, 21 & 22, 2010, WINNIPEG, MB

Resolution no. 29/2010

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| TITLE: | Improved Care and Outcomes for the Prevention and Care of First Nations and Tuberculosis (TB) |
| SUBJECT: | Health |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Jerry Knott, Wasagamack First Nation, MB |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band, BC |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. Rates of TB are 31 times higher for First Nations than for non-First Nations, are unacceptable and a reflection of underlining poor conditions of housing and access to health care.
B. The social determinants of health and associated medical condition of TB must be simultaneously addressed: poverty, overcrowding, poor housing, poor nutrition, among many others.
C. The Government of Canada spends less than half on First Nations TB prevention and care compared to non-First Nations on reserve.
D. The Government of Canada will fail to meet the Millennium Development goals and indications are that rates of TB will increase for First Nations by 2015.
E. That TB has never been eradicated from our communities and the Government of Canada has never met the goals of the elimination of TB. TB outbreaks within First Nations communities continue to persist.

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

1. Direct the AFN to work with all levels of Government of Canada to improve TB programs and to create a culturally competent/appropriate action plan or strategy, insisting on improved care and outcomes for the prevention and care of First Nations Peoples and TB, as well as ensuring that adequate funding and resources be allocated for this work.

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2. Ensure that TB programs support, nurture and form a true partnership with those in each community to improve enhance and build capacity to improve community ownership and solutions with dealing with outbreaks of TB.
3. Request that the Government of Canada provide annual reports on outcomes of TB prevention and care and not simply outputs of their spending.

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