TO: All Chiefs, PTOs, Tribal Councils, AFN Staff
FROM: AFN Resolutions Committee
DATE: October 23, 2020 – 3rd & FINAL Notice

RESOLUTIONS are the essential mechanism by which First Nations provide specific mandates and direction to the Assembly of First Nations. Resolutions should be national in scope and can: (1) establish a mandate for the AFN; (2) relate to internal matters regarding the operation of the AFN; or (3) support a particular issue, event or situation. Please go to www.afn.ca for more information about the types of resolutions (see “Resolution Procedures”).

ADVANCE SUBMISSION OF A RESOLUTION IS REQUIRED. In order to facilitate a more efficient and effective resolution process, advance submission of resolutions is required. On September 25, 2020, the Executive Committee passed a motion to amend the Rules of Procedures and this year’s resolution deadline to Friday, October 30, 2020. The Executive Committee also amended the Rules of Procedures to include procedures for online voting for the virtual assembly.

RESOLUTION DEADLINE: Friday, October 30, 2020

ACCEPTANCE OF A RESOLUTION by the Resolutions Committee will only occur if the respective names and First Nations of the mover and seconder are noted on the resolution. The mover and seconder must be either a Chief or a duly mandated Proxy and available to speak to the Resolution at the Assembly. If the mover and seconder are not noted on a resolution submitted for consideration, then the resolution will not be recorded and entered into the process as an official draft resolution for consideration by the Resolutions Committee.

WHAT MUST A RESOLUTION INCLUDE? It is the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee to ensure that all resolutions for consideration meet the criteria outlined below:

- Includes name and First Nation of mover
- Includes name and First Nation of seconder
- Has a short but descriptive title
- Is national in scope (cannot be purely regional)
- Is identified as either mandate/directional, organizational or support
- Has a timeline or lifespan
- Is relevant and strategic
- Uses consistent wording (demand, request, direct, etc.)
• Considers the cost of implementation and available sources of funding
• Is clear in its purpose and intent
• Is consistent with the powers set out in the AFN Charter
• Is not in conflict with previously passed resolutions (or clearly state within the new draft that there is a conflict)
• Is not in conflict with other draft resolutions that have been submitted
• Is no longer than 2 pages

RESOLUTION FORMAT is preferably electronic. A resolution template is attached to this notice to assist you in preparing a resolution and is also available at www.afn.ca.

Please direct all resolution submissions and inquiries to:

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