



ANISHINAABE AGOWIDIWINAN TREATY 2 - AUGUST 21, 1871

Spring Session – Councils in Assembly – 12 June 2018

Resolution 2018-06-12-004

RE: Land and Water Protection Act

Whereas; the Creator of all things put into this natural world peoples with unique cultures and languages to occupy and utilize air, waters and lands;

Whereas; as human beings and Anishinaabe, Dakota and Cree peoples, we are to be reminded of our inherent responsibilities, rights and powers to govern ourselves and the lands to which we belong;

Whereas; our lands, waters, and natural resources have provided for our creation and existence and are sacred and essential to the survival of our community;

Whereas; our teachings and laws require us to maintain a reciprocal respect and beneficial dependency with the natural world which makes our existence possible,

Whereas; our constitutional jurisdiction includes the right to make laws in relation to land management, development and land use, as well as in relation to natural resources and environment as we have done since time immemorial in fulfilling our spiritual, political, economic and cultural destinies;

Whereas; the spirit and intent of our Treaty No. 2 with the Imperial Crown on behalf of the settler peoples guarantees our continuing responsibility and inherent right to protect the territory described in Treaty No. 2;

Whereas; we have a sacred obligation to protect the natural world which provides us the elements required for our lives and future and to be vigilant against any human activities which would lead to environmental degradation on those lands on which we have rights and interests and to protect the natural world for the continuation of our traditional way of life for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the waters flow;

Whereas; these obligations require us to protect our lands and territories both for ourselves and all the natural world's creatures according to the principles of sustainable development and for the use and benefit of current and future generations;

Whereas; we have a sacred and intimate relationship with the natural world and many interdependent connections which make us a part of our distinct ecosystems and which thus should be reflected in the way we demonstrate our stewardship and utilize and protect our lands and territories;

**Moved by Chief
Eugene Eastman,
O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi
First Nation**

**Seconded by Chief
Garnet Woodhouse,
Pinaymootang First
Nation**

Passed by Consensus by
the Council of Chiefs of
Anishinaabe
Agowidiwinan, Treaty 2,
on the 12th day of June
2018.

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Resolution Adopted on:
12 June 2018


Grand Chief Norman Bone



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Whereas; we are the guardians of traditional ecological knowledge about the natural world in which we live and have an obligation to use our knowledge to protect our own future and the future of the natural world;

Whereas; the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) notes that control by Indigenous peoples over developments affecting them and their lands, territories and resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions,

Whereas; the UNDRIP reaffirms our right to strengthen our distinctive spiritual relationship with our traditional lands and waters and to uphold our responsibilities to future generations in this regard,

Whereas; the UNDRIP guarantees our right to the lands, territories and resources which we have traditionally owned and occupied; and requires States to give legal recognition and protection to these lands, territories and resources;

Therefore; Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan enacts the following act as the Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan Land and Water Protection Act.