

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Approval of Chairpersons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Dan Beaulieu and Henry Beaulieu be appointed as Co-Chairpersons for the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly, August 12-19, 1996.

MOVED BY: Peter Liske, Delegate, Yellowknives Dene

SECONDED BY: Chief Don Balisllie, Deninu K'ue

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1996

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the agenda be approved as follows:

1. Opening Ceremonies
2. Approval of Chairperson & Agenda
3. Administration
  - A. Executive Reports
  - B. Internal Reports
    - i) Lands & Resources Department
    - ii) Health Department
    - iii) Resource Centre
  - C. Audited Financial Statements
4. Community Concerns
5. Lands
  - A. Major Developments
  - B. Harvesting (European Ban on the Leg Hold Trap)
6. Governance
  - A. Dene Languages
  - B. Policing
7. Co-Existence
  - A. Treaty #8  
Deh Cho  
Regional Reports
  - B. Self Government Forum '96
  - C. Constitutional Development Steering Committee
  - D. GNWT (transfers)
  - E. Federal Government
    - A. Indian Act Amendments
    - B. Devolution (Dismantling of DIAND to First Nations)
9. Other Business
10. Closing Ceremonies

MOVED BY: Chief Don Balsillie, Deninu K'ue

SECONDED BY: Chief Felix Lockhart, Lutsel K'e

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1996

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Dene Nation Audit 1995/96

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly accept the Dene Nation audited financial statements as of March 31, 1996.

MOVED BY: Darrell Beaulieu, Yellowknives Dene

SECONDED BY: Paul Boucher, Delegate, Deninu K'ue

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1996

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Outstanding Regional Debts to Dene National Office

WHEREAS, the Dene National Office is owed monies from regions; and

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in Sahtu and Dogrib Treaty 11 communities agreed in Motion #93/94-003 and subsequent discussions that they would not be liable for Dene National Office debts and liabilities as of August 24, 1993 but would cover debts until that time; and

WHEREAS, the Gwich'in, Sahtu and Dogrib Treaty 11 regions have received funding from the land claims process based on negotiations and research achieved while with the Dene Nation; and

WHEREAS, those regions have been invoiced on numerous occasions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly requests that the Gwich'in, Sahtu and Dogrib Treaty 11 honour their commitments and forward the outstanding debts to the Dene National Office immediately.

MOVED BY: Tom Beaulieu, Delegate, Deninu K'ue

SECONDED BY: Julian Landry, Delegate, Kakisa

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1996

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: The 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly Fully Endorses the Following Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon reaching consensus on each of the attached resolutions the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly fully endorses them.

MOVED BY: Archie Catholique, Delegate, Lutsel K'e

SECONDED BY: Julian Landry, Delegate, Kakisa Lake

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTENTION:

MOTION IS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 1996

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation – Cameron Hills

WHEREAS, the members of Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation are the main traditional land users, caretakers and managers of their traditional area, which includes Cameron Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Ka'a'gee Dene are dependent on the land and waters in their area for their livelihood;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly fully endorses the rights of the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation to have final approval in future economic and land use activities in their traditional area, which includes Cameron Hills;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this motion amends the Dene National Assembly Motion 95/96-007 (14).

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Hunting, Trapping & Fishing on Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation Traditional Territory

WHEREAS, the Ka'a'gee Dene are dependent on the land and waters in their area for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS, a recent increase of unwarranted traffic into the area of the Ka'a'gee Dene is of grave concern;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly supports the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation in requiring that all interested hunters, trappers, and fishermen confirm permission to hunt, trap and/or fish on the Traditional Territory of the Ka'a'gee Dene First Nation.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Support for CINE

WHEREAS, the Dene rely on traditional foods such as moose, caribou and fish for nutritional, cultural and socio-economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and the Environment (CINE) at McGill University was created in response to a need identified by six major aboriginal organizations, including the Dene Nation, for community-based research and education related to traditional food systems, nutritional health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, recent research projects assessing the benefits of traditional food based on nutritional, socioeconomic and cultural importance and potential risks from contaminants were conducted; and

WHEREAS, CINE has conducted community-based research activities in approximately 16 Dene communities, conducted community-based workshops and provided training and employment for community members during research activities; and

WHEREAS, CINE has provided community-based education on traditional food systems, including credit courses to aboriginal students through universities, short courses on topics in nutrition and the environment for Dene communities, and student recruitment into careers of nutrition and the environment; and

WHEREAS, CINE has proven that a high quality university Centre with an independent research facility can successfully work with Dene communities, for the benefit of the people and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly support and endorse the efforts of CINE to apply for an secure resources beyond the 1997 Fiscal Year.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: GNWT – Business Incentive Policy

WHEREAS, the NWT Treaty 8 Annual General Assembly met in Lutsel K'e July 1996 and passed the attached resolution regarding the GNWT-Business Incentive Policy; and

WHEREAS, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly discussed GNWT-Business Incentive Policy and the relevant resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly support and endorses the NWT Treaty 8 Annual General Assembly Resolution 026-96.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

TREATY 8 MOTION ON NEXT PAGE

TREATY 8 LOGO HERE  
N.W.T. TREATY 8 TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Head Office: Salt Plains Reserve #195

---

Forth Annual General Assembly  
Lutsel K'e, NT  
July 29, 1996 – August 1, 1996

RESOLUTION #: 026-96

RE: GNWT – Business Incentive Policy

Whereas, the GNWT implemented a policy entitled “Business Incentive” dated June 24, 1992 for the purpose of providing Northern Businesses with an opportunity to support reinvestment in the North, and

Whereas, the NWT Treat 8 Tribal Council at the Annual General Assembly discussed and agreed that the Business Incentive Policy is a GNWT document that provides northern businesses with an opportunity to be economically competitive, and

Whereas, the Business Incentive Policy has been working against some communities with respect to housing and has been limiting the opportunities to provide adequate homes for Dene people, and

Whereas, the NWT Treaty 8 is currently negotiating a bilateral transfer of Programs and Services with the Government of Canada and upon finalizing of the agreement, then the NWT Treaty 8 will address some form of business incentive opportunity, and

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the additional costs caused by the policy should not be born by the homeowner, but rather that the GNWT absorb the costs as they are promoting “Buy North”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Council upon finalizing a transfer agreement with Canada of Program and Services, the Council will address the opportunity for northern businesses to be economically competitive.

---

Moved by: Rick Edjericon, Yellowknives Dene  
Seconded by: Lawrence CATHolique, Lutsel K'e

Vote:

In Favour: 34 Voting delegates  
Against: None  
Abstentions: None

Disposition: Carried.

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Free-Roaming Buffalo

WHEREAS, the Dene were dependent on the Buffalo for sustenance use and their emotional and spiritual well being since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Crown in right of Canada has entered into Treaty 8 with the Dene to coexist as long as the sun shines, the river flows and the grass grows; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture Canada, cattle and buffalo ranchers, the Government of Alberta and the territorial administration have proposed to eradicate all free-roaming buffalo within the Wood Buffalo National Park (WBNP) and surrounding areas during the Environmental Assessment Review Panel (EAEP) hearings in 1992; and

WHEREAS, it is still the position of the territorial administration including the Department of Renewable Resources to eradicate the free-roaming herds within the WBNP and surrounding areas by proposing bugger zones adjacent to the WBNP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly in Deninu K'ue (Fort Resolution), Denendeh, August 12-19, 1996 are opposed to the systematic eradication of the free-roaming herds of buffalo within the WBNP and surrounding areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the free-roaming herds of buffalo within and outside the WBNP be left alone and that there should be a proper management plan put in place with representation from the affected Dene First Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the territorial administration disband their position of diseased bison policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traditional Knowledge and wisdom of the elders be in the forefront of all research and studies that may be imposed on the free-roaming herds of buffalo within the WBNP and surrounding areas.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Negotiation of Treaty 8 Benefit Agreement with BHP

WHEREAS, Federal officials have announced that the BHP diamond mine will receive its major licences if progress is achieved in the negotiation of benefits agreements with the affected aboriginal communities of Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Lutsel K'e and Deninu K'ue; and

WHEREAS, the territorial Legislative Assembly and Executive have indicated that it will assist in the expedient negotiations of benefits agreement with aboriginal communities; and

WHEREAS, the affected Dene communities have identified the issue of resource revenue sharing including royalties, interests, percentages and compensation, as a necessary component of a benefits agreement; and

WHEREAS, 60 days has been allocated within which to achieve progress in the negotiation of benefits agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly asserts that the territorial Legislative Assembly and Executive and Federal Government demonstrate their already-stated support for negotiations of benefits agreements by developing policies that insist on the inclusion of resource revenue sharing in the agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Federal government and Legislative Assembly and Executive provide the adequate financial resources, as determined by the Dene First Nations that are prepared to enter into the development of a substantive and meaningful benefits agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this agreement will provide equitable participation of the Dene First Nations in the resource development of our traditional lands in an environmentally responsible manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Federal Government extend the 60-day negotiation process to allow Dene communities adequate time to negotiate their benefits agreement.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Land Ownership and Resource Development

WHEREAS, the Dene of Deh Cho and Akaitcho Treaty 8 Territory have never given up their rights to any minerals and oil and gas resources on their lands; and

WHEREAS, the Dene and their traditional lands have come under increased demand for the extraction of resources from their land by resource developers; and

WHEREAS, the lack of clarification of land ownership issues has led to increased delays in resource development and increased frustration for the Federal Government, territorial Legislative Assembly and Executive, aboriginal peoples and outside interests; and

WHEREAS, the successful resolution of land ownership issues will assist in the responsible development of those resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly demand that the Federal Government fast-track the land ownership negotiations with the affected Dene communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the successful negotiation of land ownership issues be a prerequisite for further development on Dene traditional lands.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Government Officials' Attendance at Dene National Assemblies

WHEREAS, the Dene National Assembly receives many requests from government officials and representatives to make presentations to the assembly and receive input from the delegates; and

WHEREAS, the presentation and subsequent input from delegates often constitutes a large part of the government consultation process; and

WHEREAS, the agenda of the Dene National Assembly accommodates many important issues; and

WHEREAS, government officials and representatives frequently arrive with little time to spare to accommodate the continued discussion of earlier agenda items; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Government officials and representatives hear the concerns of the Dene National Assembly delegates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly gives notice to all future government officials and representatives that their full attention to the concerns of the delegates is demanded, and that they be prepared to designate an adequate amount of their time to accomplish this, including attendance for the duration of the assembly.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Commercial Bison Ranching and Wood Bison Research

WHEREAS, the Dene National Assembly has supported and passed Resolution #96/97-005 (5) with reference to wood bison disease issues and free-roaming bison; and

WHEREAS, the remaining free-roaming wood bison herds are under pressure from a number of associations and government departments; and

WHEREAS, there are aboriginal groups currently involved in commercial bison ranching operations and wood bison research;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Dene National Assembly Resolution #96/97-005 (5) pertaining to free-roaming buffalo should accommodate aboriginal organizations involved in commercial bison ranching and wood bison research through a proper management plan.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Co-Existence Negotiation – Support for ‘Mining and Indigenous Peoples’ Resolution

WHEREAS, representatives of Indigenous Peoples from around the world met to discuss ‘Mining and Indigenous Peoples’ in England, May 1996 and passed the attached resolution regarding co-existence negotiations of Treaty 8 and future resource development; and

WHEREAS, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly has reviewed and discussed the resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly supports and endorses the ‘Resolution on Yellowknives Dene, Canada’.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

RESOLUTION ON YELLOWKNIVES DENE, CANADA ON NEXT PAGE

## RESOLUTION ON YELLOWKNIVES DENE, CANADA

We the representatives of the organizations, communities and nations of the Indigenous Peoples of Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico, Colombia, Guyana, French Guiana, Suriname in Central and South America; of the United States of America and Canada in North America; of Australia, Fiji, India, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya in Asia and the South Pacific; of Namibia and Ghana in Africa, and from Samiland, the Russian Federation and Greenland in the Arctic;

Meeting at the “Mining and Indigenous Peoples” Consultation from 6 to 16 May 1996 in London, England,

support the following resolution;

Whereas the Yellowknives Dene are Indigenous to the lands North and East of Great Slave Lake; which includes an area east of Boundary Creek, south of Contwoyto Lake, west of Thelon River, and

Whereas the Yellowknife Dene have entered into a peace and friendship treaty to share the lands and resources with the Crown in Right of Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland and Wales; and

Whereas the Federal Government of Canada have consistently persisted in trying to dispossess the Yellowknives Dene of their traditional and current use of lands through a wide scope of oppressive policies, coercion through attempts to overwhelm First Nations with proposed legislation, acts, policies, leases, licenses, developed by a colonial mindset and colonial administrations as represented by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Territorial Council; and

Whereas the Geological Slave Province is situated in the heart of the Yellowknives Dene homelands also known as Akaitcho Territory, where Transnational Mining Companies are operating without the fully informed consent of the Yellowknives Dene, but with the complicity of the Federal government of Canada and their agent the territorial council, with the intentions of undermining our Treaty entitlement, and coexistence negotiations.

Therefore by the inherent right to govern ourselves as Indigenous Peoples we resolve that the Government of Canada and their agents Territorial Council acknowledge that the land ownership vests with the Yellowknives Dene as described and that to reach an equitable and constructive agreement on coexistence through negotiations prior to any development approvals on Yellowknives Dene lands.

MIP/Res/Canada/ii/Eng

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Native Press

WHEREAS, the Native Press served the Dene of the Western NWT for over twenty years, providing a forum for the discussion and exploration of numerous issues affecting Dene politics, history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Native Press ceased publication after the 1990 federal budget announced a 100% cut to the Native Press's core funding program; and

WHEREAS, Native Communications Society (NCS) brought back the Native Press in July 1996, for the Aboriginal people of the Western NWT;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 1996 Dene National Assembly supports NCS's efforts to bring back and sustain the Native Press, so that the Dene will continue to have a forum for their ideas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 1996 Dene National Assembly urge governments at all levels to support the continuation of the Native Press by advertising in the Native Press and by providing grants and contributions to the Native Press.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: DIAND Contaminants Research

WHEREAS, the Arctic is the homeland of the Dene who have experienced the degradation of their lands and waters due to contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the majority of contaminants research conducted by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) has focused on contaminants arriving in the Arctic from other countries; and

WHEREAS, the Dene Elders hold generations of knowledge that can contribute immensely to such research but has not been utilized; and

WHEREAS, the research has looked at the amount of contaminants in the environment and not must effort has been spent look at the effects from contaminants; and

WHEREAS, many Dene communities are affected by local sources of contaminants such as mining and oil and gas exploration; and

WHEREAS, a contaminants research strategy is being developed by DIAND for future research;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly instructs DIAND to include the following as priorities in their research strategy:

- full use of traditional knowledge in their research and the funds to accommodate this;
- local sources of contaminants be included;
- the effects of contaminants be researched; and
- a contaminants monitoring plan be developed in consultation with communities that includes monitoring by communities.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Legal Aid

WHEREAS, Aboriginal people make up the vast majority of the prison population in the NWT; and

WHEREAS, many people are dissatisfied with the legal assistance provided through legal aid; and

WHEREAS, the current legal aid system forces people to accept the next person on the list as their lawyers; and

WHEREAS, this may result in Aboriginal peoples receiving services from lawyers with racist views, or from newcomers to the North who know nothing about the North or Aboriginal people; and

WHEREAS, all people have a right to adequate legal services; and

WHEREAS, allowing people to choose who represents them will force lawyers to treat their clients respectfully and to work just as quickly and diligently on legal aid cases as on other cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly directs the territorial administration to change the Legal Aid system so that, when there is a choice of legal counsel, people approved for Legal Aid are able to choose their own lawyer or Law Firm.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Policing in Fort Fitzgerald

WHEREAS, there are no patrols of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in the community of Fort Fitzgerald; and

WHEREAS, the existing internal protocol for police response in Fort Fitzgerald is to have the concerned citizen contact the NWT RCMP detachment who then calls the RCMP – Fort Chipewyan, Alberta detachment for direction; and

WHEREAS, this response protocol leads to unnecessary delays in police action, which threatens the safety of the community of Fort Fitzgerald;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly instructs the RCMP – Fort Smith detachment to extend their services to the community of Fort Fitzgerald and to work closely with the Chief and Council on all relevant issues.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Youth Assembly

WHEREAS, the Youth of Denendeh are requesting an Assembly of Youth to discuss their concerns and long-term goals for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Elders and Youth have identified a communications gap between adults and youth that must be addressed to ensure of future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the prevalent use of drugs and alcohol has been identified by the Youth of Denendeh as an immediate problem they would like to address;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 26<sup>th</sup> Dene National Assembly support the youth in their efforts to host an Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leadership secure the funds to facilitate this Assembly and cover delegates from each community to attend such an Assembly.

ORIGINAL CERTIFIED BY: Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus

DENE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
DENINU K'UE, DENENDEH  
AUGUST 12-19, 1996

RE: Dene Television

WHEREAS, Native Communications Society-TV (NCS-TV) is the only member of Television/Northern Canada (TVNC) that does not get core funding from the Northern Native Broadcast Access Program (NNBAP) from the Department of Canadian Heritage; and

WHEREAS, NCS-TV contributes Dene language and culture programming to TVNC, including its weekly news shoe ("Dene Weekly Perspective") and its current affairs show ("Spirit of Denendeh"), bringing the Dene languages and a Dene voice to TVNC for the very first time; and

WHEREAS,