



OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE

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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2004/05 No. 0133
Self Governance

ELIMINATING DRUG USE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING IN OUR COMMUNITIES *November 10, 2004*

- WHEREAS:** Since Time immemorial the people of the Okanagan Nation stand united as one self-determining Nation with inherent jurisdiction over the welfare of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The Okanagan people have withstood a colonial legacy of oppression implemented by unacceptable Indian social policy by the Crown, Canada, and the Province of British Columbia regarding Indigenous peoples; and
- WHEREAS:** The seven Okanagan Bands share a culture, a land base, a language and share an interest in building a healthy, strong Nation with a national strategy to protect the safety and well-being of its children, families and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The Okanagan Nation endorsed at its 2001 Annual General Assembly a *National Healing Strategy* that describes the responsibilities of our Leadership and communities to protect the well-being of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The issues of health, safety and social welfare stem from poverty, education and economic disparity. A proactive and holistic approach to social development planning is essential to self-governance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Okanagan Nation is committed to a community-based strategy to confront the problems associated with the use and trafficking of alcohol and drugs in our communities.

While the Okanagan Nation supports the autonomy of its member bands, it is recognized in the spirit of nation-building and the seventh generation principle, we must act collectively and collaboratively to achieve true self-governance.

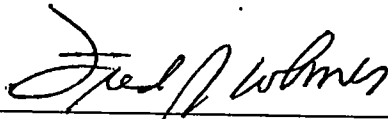


The leadership commits to lead, support and participate in collaborative initiatives working towards the increased welfare of our communities, families and children.

AND, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:

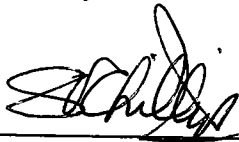
That cousins should not kill cousins; brothers should not sell drugs to brothers; children should not be orphaned; sisters should not be fearful of sisters; grandparents, mothers, fathers, aunties, uncles, nieces and nephews should not be silent.

MOVED:



Chief Fred Holmes, Uppet Nicola Indian Band

SECONDED:



Chief Stewart Phillip, Penticton Indian Band

Disposition:

All in favour. Motion Carried Unanimously

Date:

November 10, 2004