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RESOLUTION 13-02

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALL INDIGENOUS NATIONS AND PEOPLES
RIGHT TO MAINTAIN THEIR INHERENT AND TREATY RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is a sovereign federally recognized Tribe with government status with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council is the governing body of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point; and

WHEREAS, The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe has watched with great interest the attempts by the Canadian government to terminate the inherent and treaty rights of our relative nations and peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe believes whatever happens to another Indigenous Nation or people can also happen to us; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on all Indigenous nations and peoples to do what they can to support our relative nations and peoples in their struggles;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council of Sand Point calls upon the government of Canada to uphold the honor of the Crown as it was committed in treaties with Indigenous Nations and peoples; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council calls upon the government of Canada to step away from the disastrous strategy it has embarked on in an attempt to terminate the inherent and treaty rights of Indigenous Nations and peoples and enter into negotiations to restore the Nation-to-Nation and Government-to-Government relationship established by the treaties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council, our elders, people and youth continue to send our prayers and best wishes to Chief Teresa Spence and her valiant stand to defend the rights of all Indigenous Nations and peoples on Turtle Island.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 30th DAY OF January, 2012, BY A QUORUM OF 7 YES, AND 0 NO VOTES.



David O. Osterback, President

ATTEST:



Glen Gardner Jr., Secretary/ Treasurer



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Idle No More Movement

The Idle No More movement in Canada is in regards to the native people of Canada and their supporters reacting in large part to the Canadian Federal Government's omnibus bill C-45, and the abuse of the indigenous peoples treaty rights. This movement also focuses on the peaceful and respectful method of demonstrating, and does not feel aggression or violence is necessary to negotiate with the Canadian Government.

Omnibus bill C-45 overhauled the Navigable Waters Protection Act in Canada which had previously required approval and a consultation process before construction could take place on their waterways. The Omnibus bill C-45 changed this process so approval would only be required around one of a circumscribed list of waterways set by the Minister of Transportation. Many of the now deregulated waterways pass through indigenous peoples lands.

Resolution 13-02 in the packet is supporting the indigenous people of Canada in their efforts to maintain their treaty rights, and protect their lands. Since the movement has originated in Canada, many here in Alaska have not heard much, if anything about it. However, Alaska is starting to take notice of what is going on. Native tribes are starting to realize, the Idle No More movement transcends the Canada-Alaska border as upstream BC industrial and gutting of Canadian environmental laws pose major threats to the salmon and clean waters of Alaska.

"We would like to show solidarity with our indigenous brothers and sisters in Canada that are facing the same issues our tribal peoples are faced with here in Alaska" said Delice Calcote of the Alaska Intertribal Council.

Carl Wassilie of Alaska's Big Village Network said "Native and non-native Alaskans need to stand up and be counted when it comes to protecting our water, salmon, and indigenous people's rights. Our representatives are shirking their responsibilities and largely ignoring the threats to our resources from Canada's massive rush to industrial development in the headwaters of major salmon rivers like the Taku, Stikine and Unuk and weakening of important environmental protection laws. History tells us ignoring this is a bad idea."

While the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is not located directly on one of the rivers downstream from the Canadian industrial development, I think we all feel the protection of our natural resources and subsistence habitats for all Alaska Native people is important to us all. Below are the vision and the manifesto for the Idle No More movement

Idle No More Vision:

- INM has and will continue to help build sovereignty and resurgence of nationhood
- INM will continue to pressure government and industry to protect the environment
- INM will continue to build allies in order to reframe the nation to nation relationship, this will be done by including grassroots perspectives, issues and concerns.

Idle No More Manifesto:

We contend that: The Treaties are nation to nation agreements between The Crown and First Nations who are sovereign nations. The Treaties are agreements that cannot be altered or broken by one side of the two Nations. The spirit and intent of the Treaty agreements meant that First Nations peoples would share the land, but retain their inherent rights to lands and resources. Instead, First Nations have experienced a history of colonization which has resulted in outstanding land claims, lack of resources and unequal funding for services such as education and housing.

We contend that: The state of Canada has become one of the wealthiest countries in the world by using the land and resources. Canadian mining, logging, oil and fishing companies are the most powerful in the world due to land and resources. Some of the poorest First Nations communities have mines or other developments on their land but do not get a share of the profit. The taking of resources has left many lands and waters poisoned – the animals and plants are dying in many areas in Canada. We cannot live without the land and water. We have laws older than this colonial government about how to live with the land.

We contend that: Currently, this government is trying to pass many laws so that reserve lands can also be bought and sold by big companies to get profit from resources. They are promising to share this time... Why would these promises be different from past promises? We will be left with nothing but poisoned water, land and air. This is an attempt to take away sovereignty and the inherent right to land and resources from First Nations peoples.

We contend that: There are many examples of other countries moving towards sustainability, and we must demand sustainable development as well. We believe in healthy, just, equitable and sustainable communities and have a vision and plan of how to build them. Please join us in creating this vision.