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**Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, Inc.**  
**40th Annual General Assembly**  
**Norway House Cree Nation, MB**  
**August 17, 18 & 19, 2021**

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**Resolution #2021-08-01 Revised 1.0**

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**RE: CALL FOR NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE SIXTIES SCOOP AND PERMANENT  
REMOVAL OF FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

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**WHEREAS,** The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) estimates that 150,000 students were forced to attend Indian Residential Schools (IRS) nationwide. The TRC also identified more than 4,100 children died at these institutions, as stated in the TRC report, the numbers may also be much higher; and,

**WHEREAS,** The recent discovery of the remains of 215 children who attended the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in unmarked graves has led to the discovery of remains of children in other former Indian Residential Schools across the country; and,

**WHEREAS,** Thousands of First Nations children were taken and adopted or placed in care with non-Indigenous families - including those from northern Manitoba - from approximately 1951-1991 as a means of assimilation and act of genocide in what is now known as the Sixties Scoop; and,

**WHEREAS,** There has been no national inquiry into the precise numbers of children and families affected by the Sixties Scoop, the number of children murdered or killed while in care or adopted by non-Indigenous families, the geographical displacements of Survivors still living abroad, and the far-reaching long-term psychological and physical effects of permanent child removal on Survivors, our families, and communities; and,

**WHEREAS,** The 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada - formed in 2017 - is a national non-profit organization based in Manitoba that has repeatedly called on the Government of Canada for a national inquiry; and,

**WHEREAS,** Former TRC Head and Senator Hon. Murray Sinclair has publicly supported the need for a national inquiry in an August 2, 2021 joint press release in partnership with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada:

“The magnitude of the removal of children in Canada has not yet been measured. It ought to be. It is likely that the Canadian numbers are proportionately as high as those in the United States which led to changes in policy, funding and law.”

“There is merit to the suggestion that any incapacities of the families were a result of the actions of government, such as 100 years of Indian Residential Schools, and systemic and outright racism. The children who were removed need to know they are not alone, but they also need to know that there were reasons for what happened that were not of their parents’ making.” and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the MKO Chiefs-in-Assembly support the call for a National Inquiry into the Sixties Scoop and permanent removal of First Nations Children by the Government of Canada, and direct the

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MKO Grand Chief to lobby the Government of Canada for a national inquiry in partnership with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

that the MKO Chiefs-in-Assembly direct MKO to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for consideration by the MKO First Nations with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada with the objective to support Survivors of the Sixties Scoop; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,**

that the MKO Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the MKO Grand Chief to hold a joint press conference with the 60s Scoop Legacy of Canada to call for other First Nations in Canada to support the call for the National Inquiry.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Clarence Easter, Chemawawin Cree Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Edwin Jebb, Opaskwayak Cree Nation (Proxy)  
**CARRIED:** YES  
**Vote:** For: 15      Opposed: 0      Abstentions: 0

*Certified copy of a Resolution adopted at the MKO 40th Annual General Assembly  
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MKO Grand Chief Garrison Settee