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AFN Annual General Assembly, July 11-13, 2023, Halifax, Nova Scotia

TITLE: **Denouncement of Manitoba Decision on Brandy Landfill Search for Remains of First Nations Women**

SUBJECT: Women

MOVED BY: Chief Michelle Glasgow, Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS

SECONDED BY: Chief Annie Bernard-Daisley, We'koqma'q First Nation, NS

WHEREAS:

- A.** The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* states:
- i. Article 7 (2): Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.
 - ii. Article 22 (2): States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.
- B.** On July 5, 2023, the Government of Manitoba indicated the province will not support a search of the Brandy Landfill for the remains of Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran, two First Nations women believed to have been murdered and their remains taken to the Brandy Landfill in May 2022.
- C.** The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) named the crisis a gender-based genocide;
- D.** The National Inquiry into MMIWG Calls for Justice state:
- i. 1.5: We call upon all governments to immediately take all necessary measures to prevent, investigate, punish, and compensate for violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people.
 - ii. 9.5: We call upon all police services for the standardization of protocols for policies and practices that ensure that all cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people are thoroughly investigated.
- E.** Our Indigenous women and children are sacred.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations-in-Assembly:

1. Denounce and reject the decision of the Manitoba Provincial Government to not search the Brandy Landfill for the remains of two missing First Nations women murdered in Manitoba; and

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2. Call on the Assembly of First Nations to advocate at the National and Provincial level for a thorough search of the Brandy Landfill for the remains of the missing First Nations women.