

Resolution: Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters

WHEREAS the Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters (previously “Cree Hunters’ Income Security Program”) is a constitutionally guaranteed program under the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement which has been instrumental in helping preserve the Cree way of life;

WHEREAS the program has not kept pace with the increases in cost of living, the increase in challenges of accessing the territory and practicing the Cree way of life and the increase in the number of communities entitled to and wanting to access the program;

IT IS RESOLVED

THAT the delegates of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government 48th/45th Annual General Assembly hereby request that the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government to undertake formal negotiations with the Government of Quebec and the administration of the Economic Security Program for Cree Hunters to increase the availability of the program to members of the Cree Nation, increase benefits to ensure that beneficiaries can pursue the program with economic security and ensure that the rules and restrictions protect the dignity of all beneficiaries.