GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL
31ST ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
INUVIK, NT
AUGUST 19 – 21, 2014

RESOLUTION # 006:2014 AGA Anti-Fracking

WHEREAS the Gwich'in have used and occupied our traditional territories since time immemorial and have a responsibility to maintain the integrity and wellness of the lands and resources and our way of life for future generations; and

WHEREAS the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement recognized the "special relationship" between Gwich'in people and the natural environment which forms part of our identity; and

WHEREAS the Government of Northwest Territories has not prohibited fracking in the Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS Gwich'in people have concerns about fracking in the Northwest Territories and need to learn about the potential impacts since this may adversely impact our drinking water and natural environment; and

WHEREAS the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation passed a resolution in August 2013 to "oppose hydraulic fracturing in VGFN traditional territory until we accept it is 100% safe";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly declares the Gwich'in Settlement Region to be a frack-free zone; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gwich'in Tribal Council 2014 Annual General Assembly call on the Governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories to prohibit any fracking in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

MOVED BY: Wilbert Firth SIGNATURE _____

SECONDED BY: Glen Alexie SIGNATURE _____

MOTION IS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY