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DENE LEADERSHIP MEETING
October 25 – 27, 2011 Fort Smith, Denendeh

MOTION #11/12-008

SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN DENENDEH

MOVED BY: Chief Lloyd Chicot, Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief David Etchinelle, Begade Shotagotine

DECISION: Unanimously

WHEREAS, the Dene Nation has convened the Dene Leadership Meeting in Fort Smith, Denendeh from October 25 – 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the hydraulic fracturing process of extracting natural gas has expanded rapidly in North America and around the world in recent years; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing – whether in coal beds, shale rock or other geologic deposits – has been linked to pollution of ground and surface water; and

WHEREAS, there are serious concerns about the risks of hydraulic fracturing to human health in areas where this development is occurring; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing are kept secret by industry, and many of the known chemicals being used are carcinogenic and toxic; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions of the world have banned the process of hydraulic fracturing permanently or until more research is done on the impacts of the process; and

WHEREAS, there is potential for hydraulic fracturing in Denendeh, and some companies have expressed interest in hydraulic fracturing developments in Denendeh; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Dene Nation calls for a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in Denendeh until further research is conducted on the impacts to land, water and human health, and until there are proper regulatory requirements and safeguards in place for this type of development to proceed; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Dene Nation will continue to conduct research and share knowledge on the impacts of hydraulic fracturing, the current regulatory oversight for hydraulic fracturing, the interest of companies in developing hydraulic fracturing sites in Denendeh and the best practices that must be used to proceed with hydraulic fracturing in Denendeh.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 27th day of October 2011 in Fort Smith, Denendeh



Bill Erasmus, Dene National Chief

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