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FINAL DRAFT**Emergency Leadership Debate****RE: Bill C-68 Gun Control Legislation**

Whereas Bill C-68 has gone through 2nd reading in the House of Commons and was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of the House of Commons and;

Whereas that Committee is now addressing the Bill C-68 Legislation line by line to report to the House of Commons for debate and third reading and;

Whereas the proposed Bill C-68 is not acceptable to both Aboriginal and non-aboriginal residents of the N.W.T. and;

Whereas the effect of Bill C-68 will be the erosion of aboriginal and treaty rights to hunt, fish and trap and will further remove our people from the land and end our way of life and;

Whereas the residents of the Western Northwest Territories are predominately of Dene descent and;

Whereas the application of Bill C-68 as it presently reads will criminalize activities of the Dene which are guaranteed by treaty and aboriginal rights and protected under the Constitution of Canada and;

Whereas our two Members of Parliament are of aboriginal and believe in aboriginal principals of compassion, cooperation and harmony;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Leadership of the Deh Cho First Nation which include the Dene, Metis and Northerner oppose the Bill C-68 as it now reads;

And be it further resolved that the Members of Parliament for the Western Arctic, the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew as our elected representative not support third reading of Bill C-68;

And be it further resolved that she, Ethel Blondin-Andrew vote and speak out publicly against Bill C-68.

Chief Herb Norwegian

Moved:

President Richard Lafferty

Second:

Vote: Unanimously

May 30, 1995

