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Member of Parliament of Parliament Committee
Mrs. Sheila Copps
Department of the Minister of Native Heritage
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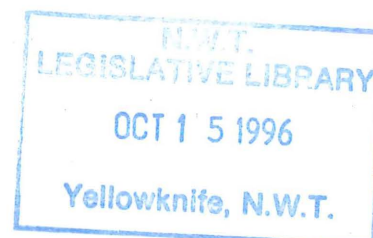
Dear Mrs. Copps:

Re: 1996 AGA Resolution #: 025-96 - Native Press

The NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Council held their Annual General Assembly during the week of July 29 - August 2, 1996 in Iutsel Kc', NT. The delegation had a lengthy discussion regards the concerns of communication within the Northwest Territories. As a result of those discussions, the delegation unanimously approved the attached resolution which supports the funding being provided to continue the Native Press.

This resolution is self-explanatory; however, we would like to stress the importance of the request for your support of the Native Press. Because the Native Press focuses on issues affecting aboriginal people, it is widely sponsored by the aboriginal people throughout the Northwest Territories. If governments were to sponsor this publishing through advertising and grants, it will not only demonstrate support of aboriginal initiatives, but may even reduce the communicating costs of government news releases and public information papers. It is not only a viable means of communication for aboriginal people, it is a publication that provides a public service to all people of the Northwest Territories.

On behalf of the Native Press and member Dene First Nations, we are requesting a




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commitment from your government and all other levels of government to support the Native Press to ensure the continuation of this publication.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and anticipate a favourable response from your department.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Sanderson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

cc: NWT Treaty #8 Dene First Nations
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NWT First Nations

Encl. Resolution #: 025-96





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Forth Annual General Assembly
Lutsel K'e, NT
July 29, 1996 - August 1, 1996

RESOLUTION #: 025-96

Re: NATIVE PRESS

Whereas The Native Press served the Dene and Metis for over 20 years, promoting discussion and enhancing awareness of importance issues, and

Whereas The Native Press stopped publishing for three years after losing its Federal Core Funding, and

Whereas NCS has bought back the Native Press this year,

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** NWT Treaty 8 Assembly support NCS in its efforts to bring the Native Press back, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the delegates to the Treaty 8 Assembly urge all levels of Government to support the Native Press through advertising and grants, so it will continue to serve the Dene and Metis for many more years to come.

Chiefs Present: Chief Don Balsillic, Chief Jonas Sangris, Chief Darrell Beaulieu, Chief Felix Lockhart, Chief Jerry Paulette, Chief Magloire Paulette

Moved By: Danny Beaulieu, Deninu K'uc
Seconded By: Fred Sangris, Yellowknives Dene

Vote:

In Favour: 34 Voting delegates
Against: None
Abstentions: None

Disposition: Carried.