



Declaration of Strength and Unity

The Membership of the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) hereby makes the following declaration:

- ◆ *We are strong and united as a Movement across Canada.*
- ◆ *We hold and share a common vision and purpose of improving the quality of life for Aboriginal Peoples living in the Canadian urban environment.*
- ◆ *We are committed to ensuring full and meaningful participation by Youth in all planning and decision-making processes within the Friendship Centre Movement.*
- ◆ *We support the leadership of the NAFC in advancing the interests of the Friendship Centre Movement across Canada.*
- ◆ *We reaffirm our respect for women and the place of honour that they hold in our communities and within our Movement.*

**FURTHER, BE
IT RESOLVED:**

That we call on the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Cabinet, all members of the House of Commons to realize and acknowledge the strength and unity of the Friendship Centre Movement;

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IT RESOLVED:**

That the Friendship Centre Movement (FCM) issue a challenge to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Cabinet and all members of the House of Commons to help us instill in Aboriginal people a renewed self-confidence for the future. We will challenge Canada to work with us - in partnership - to rectify our social wounds. Only with renewed efforts and partnerships can we impart - for urban Aboriginal people - support and values that truly reflect a more just and caring society.

**FINALLY, BE
IT RESOLVED:**

That the Association promote - via correspondence, meeting, discussions, project reports, presentations and the preparation and distribution of information packages, etc. - its use of this Declaration in all external communications and lobbying efforts.