

EXPLANATORY NOTES for CHIEF AND COUNCIL CREATE H2O SUPPORT

The attached Council Resolution wording can be used when a **First Nation government wants to support a partnership with CREATE H2O**

1. In filling out this Council Resolution, the First Nation is asked to:

- Fill in all blank spaces. For example, this Council Resolution states:

"**WHEREAS** _____ (the "First Nation") is entitled to the benefits of Treaty No. ___ (the "Treaty") and is located in _____.

The First Nation should fill in its name in the first blank space and the number of the Treaty under which it is entitled to benefits in the second blank space.

The third space is a description of the area or region relevant to the research to be conducted. (For example, on Island Lake or in Southwestern Manitoba).

- Delete words that are not applicable, such as words in brackets and any other words or sentences that you deem not relevant.
- Add any information that you believe is important to include.
You can attach any relevant supporting documentation (for example a summary of the research) to the BCR for background information for Chief and Council.

2. A quorum of Council needs to sign this resolution. Make sure you fill in the quorum blank with the number your community needs for a quorum of Council.

3. The wording provided is a suggestion to help you; you can make changes on this draft and it can be transferred to your own BCR template or you can develop your own BCR.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP): Free, prior and informed consent means that Indigenous peoples have the right to be consulted and make decisions on any matter that may affect their rights freely, without pressure, having all the information and before anything happens. Please see http://www.unicef.org/policyanalysis/rights/files/HRBAP_UN_Rights_Indig_Peoples.pdf if you would like to learn more on this topic.

First Nations need to protect all information concerning themselves, their traditional knowledge and culture, including information resulting from research. The principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) enable self-determination over all research concerning First Nations. It offers a way for First Nations to make decisions regarding what research will be done, for what purpose information or data will be used, where the information will be physically stored and who will have access. You can read more at <http://amc.manitobachiefs.com/images/pdf/ocap.pdf>

Possible Wording for Council Resolution

WHEREAS the _____ First/Cree/Ojibway Nation (First Nation name) is entitled to the benefits of Treaty No. _____ (the "Treaty") and is located at/on _____;

AND WHEREAS _____ (the First Nation) has a Treaty right to access to clean water (or delete);

AND WHEREAS the United Nations has declared access to clean water and sanitation is a human right;

AND WHEREAS the First Nation is concerned about the health of its people and their access to **clean drinking water/ running water/ wastewater treatment/ source water protection**;

AND WHEREAS the First Nation would like to determine the cause of the contamination of their drinking water (or whatever the concern is);

AND WHEREAS (can add details here about specifics of the work and/or the community contact who will be assigned – testing cisterns or sampling fish or measuring effluent or can delete);

AND WHEREAS (can add information about the data or that the First Nation will have access to all the raw data and the final data or can mention that all research will follow the UNDRIP principles of free, prior and informed consent and First Nations' Own, Control, Access, and Possess principles for research (see note attached) or can delete);

AND WHEREAS the First Nation wishes to work with the University of Manitoba CREATE H2O project to research _____ (what are they looking for in the research).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief and Council of _____ (First Nation), hereby formally support the CREATE H2O research on _____. (name of project)