

**2008:08 CALL FOR CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR UN DECLARATION ON RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

**Whereas 1** Canada has been a vocal supporter of Human Rights Declarations and Conventions at the UN; and

**Whereas 2** the National Council of Women of Canada has always accorded high priority to the rights regimes articulated at the UN, and has been particularly concerned about the rights of aboriginal peoples in Canada, in particular the rights of aboriginal women; and

**Whereas 3** Canada was deeply involved in the decade long development of the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

**Whereas 4** this Declaration concerns the rights of citizens who are among the most vulnerable in Canada; and

**Whereas 5** Canada voted against the Declaration at the General Assembly on September 13, 2007 even though it is non-binding; therefore be it

**Resolved 1 that National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy support for the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and be it further**

**Resolved 2 that National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to sign and ratify the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples**