

RESOLUTION NO. 36

**Confederacy Of Nations
Resolution No. 36/2001
Ottawa, Ontario
(Attachment)**

**Subject:
Funding For Claims Research**

Moved By:
Councillor Debbie Abbot, Proxy, Lytton First Nation, BC

Seconded By:
Chief Stewart Phillip, Penticton Indian Band, BC

Decision:
Carried By Consensus

WHEREAS First Nations have many outstanding claims and grievances; and

WHEREAS research is essential to document and negotiate these claims, and to assist communities in responding to issues they face; and

WHEREAS claims research units can provide a range of services, beyond land claims to assist their member First Nations in addressing a range of land and resource issues; and

WHEREAS allocations for claims research funding have not changed for at least ten years, but needs have increased substantially; and

WHEREAS proposals related to the proposed ICB do not contain a substantial commitment to increase research funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs recognize the importance of solid research to provide a firm foundation for the resolution of claims; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs are committed to making efforts to secure adequate increases for claims research funding and to take the steps necessary to increase awareness among the First Nations that claims research units can provide a full range of services if they are properly resourced.