

**NORTHERN FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL CHIEFS IN ASSEMBLY  
NORTHERN CAUCUS SESSION  
18 January 2021**

**MOTION: JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE**

**Motion # N-2021-01-18-04**

**WHEREAS**

1. The majority of political leaders in the Northern Region attended a duly called meeting to make political decisions on behalf of the First Nations people in the region;
2. This resolution was approved and distributed within the time frames dictated by the Northern Region Terms of Reference;
3. Jordan's Principle is built in partnership and consultation with Indigenous Services Canada to achieve true equity in outcomes for First Nations Children and Families. Substantive equity is a transformative and visionary process that can be achieved through equal access, equal opportunity and most importantly through the provision of services and benefits according to standards that account for cultural, social, economic and historical disadvantage. Jordan's legacy is intended to ensure there are no gaps in publicly-funded health, social and education programs, services and supports for First Nations children.
4. On February 15, 2019, the administration of Jordan's Principle transitioned from First Nation Health Authority (FNHA) to Indigenous Services Canada. Indigenous Services Canada became responsible for carrying out the day-to-day processing (assessment and approval) of all Jordan's Principle requests – individual and group.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- A. The FNHC advocate for a return of Jordan's Principle supports to the FNHA, including that the Engagement and Transformation Working Group will inform the discussion and the matter would be brought back to the collective Northern Governance by the end of Fiscal 2021.
- B. That the Northern Region Caucus requests that the FNHA collaborate with Indigenous Services Canada to explore new Jordan's Principle service delivery models to address the health and wellness of Indigenous children and youth in each region in BC. This process will be informed through regional processes of engagement, explore options with other BC regions and provincial partners, and require further approvals at regional Caucus sessions.

Moved: Chief Dwayne Martin (Binche Whut'en)

Seconded: Councillor Mark Barfoot (Proxy for Nak'azdli Whut'en)

In Favour \_\_\_\_ Opposed \_\_\_\_ Abstentions \_\_\_\_

Dated: