

FIRST NATION RESOLUTION/BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS) is a First Nations-driven survey which is aimed at collecting information regarding the health and wellness of First Nation communities across Canada;

WHEREAS the RHS was developed to respect and uphold the sovereign rights of First Nations and the authority conferred or mandated to their representative bodies.

WHEREAS the principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) which flow from those rights, mandate that First Nations have control over the collection, use and disclosure of information about their communities.

WHEREAS the RHS was invited into the _____ First Nation and information collected about our community.

WHEREAS individual respondents who participated in the RHS within our First Nation consented to the release of the results of the survey, provided that their names and other personal-identifying information was removed from the results.

WHEREAS the RHS wishes to honor its OCAP commitments to the _____ First Nation, while honoring its obligation to protect the personal privacy of respondents.

WHEREAS the RHS and its partners have made contractual commitments and are bound by the RHS Code of Ethics that state there will be no release or dissemination of any data or information from the FNRLHS (First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey) that identifies or could lead to the identification of a community without authorization from that community's recognized leadership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ First Nation hereby accepts ownership, control and possession of all RHS statistical tables related to the _____ First Nation.

FUTHER IT BE RESOLVED that the _____ First Nations acknowledges:

- (a) The statistical tables accepted by the First Nation have been de-identified, as required by the respondent's consent.
- (b) Because of drastic funding cuts imposed by Health Canada there were not enough people surveyed within the community to produce reliable and valid statistical results at the community level. However, valid statistical analyses and results can be obtained by the First Nation by accessing larger sample sizes, such as sub-regional level data.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED that the _____ First Nation directs the RHS to release the community information to the First Nations Health Council, to be held on behalf of the community at the direction of Chief and Council.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ First Nations accepts the return of our community health information in recognition of our sovereignty rights and rights of self-determination, which includes the jurisdiction to make decisions about research in our communities.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Decision:

Dated: