



POLITICAL ACCORD BETWEEN THE GOVERNING COUNCILS OF THE MI'GMAQ OF LISTUGUJ, GESGAPEGIAG AND GESPE'G

WHEREAS the Mi'gmaq of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g are the descendants of the Mi'gmaq who have inhabited since time immemorial this northern territory of Gespe'gewa'gig, including the lands and surrounding waters of the area more commonly known as the Gaspé Peninsula.

WHEREAS we have never ceded our lands and waters and have unextinguished Aboriginal rights and title and treaty rights which we exercise throughout our territory.

WHEREAS our leadership has always gathered to deal with matters of common concern, including the allocation of lands and resources and for the conduct of external relations.

WHEREAS the present Chiefs and the Chiefs prior to this day including their respective Councils have discussed and deemed it necessary to establish a formal accord regarding the relationship amongst the Mi'gmaq of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g.

WHEREAS such a relationship would serve to foster Mi'gmaq economic and social development, enhance access to resources, improve services and build the capacity of our communities.

WHEREAS it would also permit common political action and joint ventures.

WHEREAS these goals may be pursued by addressing issues of common concern unanimously agreed upon by each of these Chiefs and Councils of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g.

WHEREAS the Mi'gmaq enjoy and exercise the inherent right of self-government and the entering into the accord will in no way, shape or form hinder the communities of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g in being autonomously governed by their respective Chiefs and Councils.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED THAT:

1. The parties gathered and duly represented in Assembly establish the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi comprised of the Chief and Councils of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g.
2. The Mi'gmawei Mawiomi shall have ultimate authority regarding the constitution, structure, policies and priorities of the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi with a view to the carrying out of this Accord. Decisions shall be taken by unanimous consensus of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g as represented by Chief and Council.
3. The Migmawei Mawiomi hereby mandates the respective Chief of Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespe'g, together with two councilors from each respective councils, to implement the present Political Accord.
4. This Accord may be terminated by withdrawal of any of the parties, which shall take effect within 30 days following notice in writing to the other parties.

Signed at Listuguj, August 4th, 2000

