



**National Executive Board Meeting  
June 18-21, 2007**

## **NEB RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION**

CUPE NATIONAL WILL:

1. Encourage its affiliated locals and chartered organizations, the CLC, and our political and community allies to support the planned Aboriginal Day Of Action on June 29; and
2. Demand that the Conservative government honour past and present agreements made with the First Nations Peoples and resolve all outstanding land claims in a just and timely fashion; and
3. Call on the Parliament of Canada to adopt the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and to respect the decision by the UN Human Rights Council that the *Declaration* establishes the essential standards for respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

BECAUSE:

- Aboriginal/First Nations Peoples have lived on this land we now call Canada for well over 10,000 years; and
- Their territories/lands have been continuously occupied by others without consent and without compensation; and
- There are more than 800 unresolved land claims and broken treaties which this government and previous governments have failed to deal with, leaving many Aboriginal Peoples in conditions equivalent to the Third World; and
- Aboriginal Peoples have had to use the United Nations and the Supreme Court of Canada in an effort to seek redress; and
- They have been forced to take some direct actions such as road and rail blockades to bring their issues to the attention of the Canadian government and people; and
- The Grand Chief compares the Day of Action to the rallies of protest engaged in by farmers in Ontario; and

- The Assembly of First Nations have called for a National Day of Action with peaceful protests on June 29 to highlight their grievances; and
- CUPE has already adopted many resolutions and statements of support for Aboriginal Peoples in their quest for justice and fairness.

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