

BENOIT FIRST NATION
Band Council Resolution (BCR)

Resolution No.: [BFN-2025-03]

Date: October 3, 2025

Location: De Grau, NL

Subject: Declaration of Self-Government and Treaty Rights

WHEREAS the Benoit First Nation is an Indigenous Band Government that carries inherent rights to self-determination and self-government.

WHEREAS our lands, territories, and properties are the traditional and ancestral homelands of our people;

WHEREAS existing Treaty rights recognize and affirm our Nation's rights, freedoms, and protections under Canadian and international law;

WHEREAS the Benoit First Nation seeks to ensure that our governance, laws, and jurisdiction are respected and upheld by all levels of government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Benoit First Nation / Indigenous Band Government hereby declares that our Band and all its lands, territories, and properties are no longer subject to municipal or provincial rules, policies, or requirements.
2. The Benoit First Nation affirms its status as a self-governing Nation, whose lands and people are protected under existing Treaty rights.
3. The Benoit First Nation seeks to engage in the establishment of a modern Treaty with the Crown and the Government of Canada to ensure recognition, respect, and fulfillment of our inherent rights as an Indigenous Nation.

Certification:

We, the undersigned, being Chief and Council of the Benoit First Nation, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Council held on the date set out above, at which a quorum was present.