

FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support and recommendation regarding the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) and their *2017 Indigenous Disability and Wellness Gathering*.

The First Nations Summit has enjoyed a long and successful relationship with BCANDS, collaborating on a number of BCANDS disability and health related initiatives over the years.

BCANDS provides responsive and quality disability and health services across British Columbia, working with First Nations communities and their membership living with disabilities. BCANDS services are provided within each of the provinces regional health authorities in BC.

Through collaboration, reciprocal learning and the creation of new and enhanced partnerships, the *BCANDS 2017 Disability and Wellness Gathering* will create opportunities necessary to address the needs and priorities of Indigenous individuals and families living with disabilities.

As an executive member of the First Nations Summit and a long-standing supporter of BCANDS, I have no hesitation in supporting the *BCANDS 2017 Indigenous Disability and Wellness Gathering* and look forward to participating, as I am able.

Sincerely,
First Nations Summit



Grand Chief Edward John (Akile Ch'oh)
Task Group Member