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### **First Nations Summit Congratulates National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo on his re-election**

**Coast Salish Territory (Vancouver, BC)** – The First Nations Summit (FNS) congratulates Shawn A-in-chut Atleo on his re-election as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). Chief Atleo, a Hereditary Chief from the Ahousaht First Nation on Vancouver Island, was re-elected on the third ballot following a challenge from seven other candidates. He will be serving his second consecutive three year term as National Chief of the AFN.

“We are very pleased that Chief Atleo received such a strong mandate to continue his work for a second three year term”, said Chief Doug White, member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive.

“A-in-chut has shown strong and principled leadership grounded in his culture and this has been a unifying force for First Nations across Canada. We look forward to continuing to work with him over the next three years”, added Chief White.

“Chief Atleo has shown that he understands the national issues that impact the lives of our people, and he is committed to continuing to advocate for the changes we need to see in our communities”, said Dan Smith of the FNS Political Executive.

“We will continue to work with him on issues that are of great importance to First Nations in BC such as; ongoing treaty negotiations; the recognition and implementation of existing treaties; recognition of First Nations’ Title and Rights; implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and improving the overall economic and social conditions in our communities”, added Grand Chief Edward John, also a member of the FNS Political Executive.

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations in British Columbia. The Summit is also a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Further background information on the Summit may be found at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).

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