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It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Miles Richardson for National Chief of the AFN. I have known Miles for over 40 years and have had the opportunity to get to know him well through working together on various initiatives.

While Miles was President of the Council of the Haida Nation from 1984 to 1996, I had extensive opportunity to work with him. Our shared vision for a Northwest First Nation owned investment fund resulted in the creation of the Tribal Resources Investment Corporation (TRICORP). The organization, founded by the Tsimshian, Nisga'a and Haida Nations, provides a wide range of financial services to Aboriginal entrepreneurs of Northwestern British Columbia.

Miles is a leader with a strong vision who has founded many important economic development initiatives. Miles helped us realize the potential business advantage, and lead First Nations in the northwest region of BC, to pool their investment assets to create greater financial leverage in addressing economic opportunities and challenges in the regional economy. It was Miles' persistent belief in his vision that kept this opportunity alive. Success happens when preparation meets opportunity and Miles' constant preparation and dedication means that we have built a solid foundation for our region's success as we enter a period of unprecedented economic opportunity in Northwest B.C.

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I worked with Miles on the Gwaii Trust Society initiative. In 1985, when industrial logging threatened to destroy the last remaining old growth forest on Gwaii Hanaas, Haida people and environmentalists took a stand and brought worldwide attention to the issues of the First Nation/BC land title dispute, the environmental and economic issues. Miles was President of the Haida Nation guiding us with a steady-hand through this critical time. Out of the standoff on Athlil Gwaii (Lyell Island) and the provision of \$38 million in federal money to end the logging dispute, the Gwaii Trust Society was formed to manage the money on behalf of all Islands people and fund environmentally sustainable social-economic development projects. Miles was ahead of his time as he gave us a clear mandate for this initiative to unite Haida and non-Haida people to build a new economy together. I was proud to work with Miles to develop and establish an innovative business governance process. He envisioned and directed a unique, creative and functional governance process that is still largely intact and functional today.

Miles has been a catalyst at the forefront of innovative changes in leadership and governance in the Northwest and beyond. As tribal Nations in this great country of ours, we can only move forward by working together on a shared vision. I believe Miles Richardson is an ideal candidate to unite our efforts as First Nations in Canada and will be the strong leader our people need to realize our best future.

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