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**DENE LEADERSHIP MEETING  
APRIL 17 - 19, 2012 INUVIK, DENENDEH**

**MOTION #12/13-012**

**SUBJECT: Tar Sands Expansion**

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**MOVED BY: Chief David Poitras, Salt River First Nation**

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**SECONDED BY: Elder George Marlowe, Lutselke Dene Band**

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**DECISION: Unanimous**

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**WHEREAS**, the Dene Nation has convened the Dene Leadership Meeting in Inuvik, Denendeh from April 17 -19, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alberta tar sands is in the process of expanding oil extraction which will result in environmental destruction of land and water regimes in northern Denendeh; and

**WHEREAS**, the oil to be extracted from the expanding Alberta tar sands will be piped to Kitimat, B.C. via the proposed Northern Gateway Pipeline for shipment to Asian markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Review Panel hearings for the proposed project in Alberta and British Columbia are focused on those two provinces and not Denendeh; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Joint Review Panel hearings currently focused on Alberta and British Columbia be also held in Denendeh; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dene Nation is directed to make inquiries with the appropriate federal government department and request that the Joint Review Panel hearings on the Northern Gateway Pipeline be held in Denendeh.

**Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012 in Inuvik, Denendeh**

  
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Bill Erasmus, Dene National Chief

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