

Resolution
Submitted for Consideration to 2017 CRRF AGM

Title: Federal Agency Devoted to Rural Canada

WHEREAS Rural communities and regions play vital role in the Canadian economy, supporting the prosperity and wellbeing of all Canadians

WHEREAS The federal government no longer has an agency that devotes time and resources to rural policy, rural data and analysis, and working in partnership with Canada's rural peoples.

WHEREAS A vibrant rural Canada is dependent upon a rural policy that is responsive to rural peoples' needs and aspirations, requires data and analysis that reflects the realities of Canada's rural people and their communities.

AND WHEREAS the CRRF board of directors supports this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we advocate to the Prime Minister for the federal government to create an agency within the federal government that devotes staff and time to examining rural policies, generating and analysing rural data, and working in partnership with rural Canadians and their communities to support the prosperity and wellbeing of all Canadians.

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