

**WHEREAS** community based ecological knowledge, combined with scientific data and understanding is the best way to plan for climate adaptation;

**AND WHEREAS** future forest and water management must protect and restore ecosystem services to ensure a resilient and biodiverse landscape;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NCLGA and UBCM work with the Province of BC to establish and empower collaborative landscape level planning tables with the goal to restore biodiverse climate resilient ecosystems.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Protecting and restoring biodiversity is crucial for dealing with climate change. Strong ecosystems are better at bouncing back and are less affected by global warming. A wide variety of genes in species increases their chances of adapting to changing climates. For example, healthy forests can reduce the damage from floods, storms, and heavy rain, preventing greater destruction.

Ecosystems that are diverse and resilient to climate change are important for the health of the environment and human progress. They offer natural protection against climate effects and support sustainable growth.