

## **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TOWARDS A PAN-CANADIAN DIGITAL PRESERVATION STRATEGY**

**The Council of the Provincial and Territorial Archivists (herein referred to as the Council), comprised of the representatives of the provincial and territorial government archives in Canada, met for its annual meeting in Winnipeg on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.**

**Whereas** Canada's business, industry and public sectors are increasingly creating corporate information in electronic formats and individuals are overwhelmingly using similar technologies in their daily routines; and

**Whereas** the archival and heritage communities are seeking leadership and guidance on how to secure archival records created and used in these technologies so as to maintain their integrity, authenticity, reliability and usability today and into the future;

### **Now, let it be resolved:**

As leaders within our provincial and territorial jurisdictions, the Council strongly believes a Pan Canadian digital preservation strategy is required to ensure Canada's current and future archival records in electronic formats are preserved and accessible;

Furthermore, the Council will work collaboratively with Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives to develop, support and implement a Pan-Canadian digital preservation strategy applicable to all communities and regions of Canada;

The Council commits to providing a Trusted Digital Repository framework applicable to the archival community and the greater public sector through incorporating international standards and the diligent work of the National Digital Preservation Working Group; and

Through this process, the Trusted Digital Repository framework will become the Canadian standard.