Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. Annual Meeting of Members Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point June 27,28,29, 2005

Resolution No. 2005/01

Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2004/2005

WHEREAS the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval the March 31, 2005 audited financial statements for the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc., and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Treasury Board and presented the audited financial statements to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. as of March 31st, 2005 as presented.

| Moved By:    | Chief Franklin Paibomsai – Whitefish River First Nation |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Chris Plain - Aamjiwnaang First Nation            |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

**Grand Council Chief** 

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. Annual Meeting of Members Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point June 27,28,29, 2005

Resolution No. 2005/02

Subject: Audit Services

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board for the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. has recommended the firm of KPMG for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve that the services of the firm of KPMG be secured to prepare audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 of the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning            |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Franklin Paibomsai – Whitefish River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

#### Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities Annual Meeting of Members Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point June 27,28,29, 2005

Resolution No. 2005/01

Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2004/2005

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 2005 audited financial statements for the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities, and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Treasury Board and presented the audited financial statements to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities as of March 31st, 2005 as presented.

| Moved By:    | Chief Ted Roque – Wahnapitae First Nation |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Bill Restoule - Dokis First Nation  |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                       |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

#### Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities Annual Meeting of Members Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point June 27,28,29, 2005

Resolution No. 2005/02

Subject: Audit Services

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board for the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities has recommended the firm of KPMG for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve that the services of the firm of KPMG be secured to prepare audited financial statements for a period of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 of the Anishinabek Nation Seventh Generation Charities.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning            |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Franklin Paibomsai – Whitefish River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |  |
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| Opposed:     | None |  |
| Abstentions: | None |  |

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Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Audited Financial Statements 2004/2005

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31, 2005 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians, and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Treasury Board and presented the audited financial statements to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve the audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians as of March 31st, 2005 as presented.

| Moved By:    | Chief Franklin Paibomsai – Whitefish River First Nation |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Keith Knott – Curve Lake First Nation             |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |  |
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| Opposed:     | Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning |  |
| Abstentions: | None   |  |

John Beaucage

**Grand Council Chief** 

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Resolution No. 2005/02

Subject: Audit Services

**WHEREAS** the Treasury Board for the Union of Ontario Indians has recommended the firm of KPMG for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly do hereby approve that the services of the firm of KPMG be secured to prepare audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 of the Union of Ontario Indians.

| Moved By:    | Chief Franklin Paibomsai – Whitefish River First Nation |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Ted Roque – Wahnapitae First Nation               |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Unity Gathering

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the importance of unity within the Anishinabek Nation among the Elders, Women, Youth, and citizens of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the 2005 Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly included a Unity Gathering as part of the celebrations and discussions among the Anishinabek Nation to address issues at the grass roots level; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council has requested that the Unity Gathering be a continuous part of the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the request of the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council to include a Unity Gathering within the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians seek funding for and to include the Unity Gathering in future Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assemblies.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee - Aundeck Omni Kaning             |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Mike Esquega - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                      |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

#### Resolution No. 2005/02

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point June 27,28,29, 2005

**Subject: Wahnapitae Watershed Environmental Assessment** 

WHEREAS the Wahnapitae First Nation is signatory to the Robinson-Huron Treaty 1850 and is listed as #11 on the list of reserves; and

WHEREAS the Wahnapitae First Nation has been unsuccessfully negotiating with Mining Companies in their traditional territory (namely Falconbridge on the Nickel Rim Advanced Exploration Project); and

**WHEREAS** there has been no environmental assessment on the Nickel Rim Advanced Exploration Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly fully support the Wahnapitae First Nation in a call for a full Environmental Assessment for the Wahnapitae Watershed, namely for Falconbridge Limited's Nickel Rim Advanced Exploration Project.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning       |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Teresa Migwans – Whitefish Lake First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: Recognition of Self-Governance for M'Chigeeng First Nation

WHEREAS M'Chigeeng First Nation has developed its own code for electing the Chief and Council, and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has issued a Ministerial Order removing M'Chigeeng First Nation from section 74 of the *Indian Act*; and

**WHEREAS** the self-governance process which M'Chigeeng First Nation has adopted envisages a future for members of M'Chigeeng First Nation which reflects the community beliefs, practices, traditions, values, teachings, customs and hopes of its youth.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support M'Chigeeng First Nation in its negotiations with the Governments of Canada and the Province of Ontario in pursuing self-governance for the members of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

| Moved By:    | Chief Tom Bressette - Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Mike Esquega - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek  |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                       |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: Lake Nipigon Charter Operations - Fishing in a Commercial Manner

WHEREAS the First Nations of the Northern Superior area have fished the waters of Lake Nipigon to sustain their communities since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS First Nation management of the fisheries on Lake Nipigon is part of our Treaty and Aboriginal right to fish protected under section 35 of the Constitution of Canada; and

WHEREAS First Nations adjacent to Lake Nipigon have implemented their own fisheries management processes in their commercial fishing on Lake Nipigon to manage the lake; and

WHEREAS Non-Native fisherman have been operating commercial charter fisheries on Lake Nipigon and the resulting impact on the health of fisheries on Lake Nipigon has been negative; and

**WHEREAS** the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Sparrow* decision guaranteed First Nations fisheries in priority over Non-native fisheries.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the return of First Nation commercial fisheries on all parts of Lake Nipigon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Ministry of Natural Resources recognize the priority of Aboriginal fisheries over Non-Native commercial charter fisheries on Lake Nipigon.

| Moved By:    | Chief Mike Esquega - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek        |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                      |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

**Subject: Support for the United Anishnaabeg Councils** 

WHEREAS the All Ontario Chiefs Conference on June 14-16, 2005 in Eagle Lake First Nation included a presentation on the new Intergovernmental Process between the Government of Canada, Government of Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Territory Organizations, and the Independent First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the new Intergovernmental Process is similar to the previous Ontario Tripartite Process; and

WHEREAS the United Anishnaabeg Councils (UAC) has requested that as self-governing First Nations, a separate seat be established for them at the new Intergovernmental Process.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the establishment of a separate seat for the UAC at the new Intergovernmental Process.

| Moved By:    | Chief Keith Knott - Curve Lake First Nation     |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Valerie Monague - Beausoleil First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                             |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Support for the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly established the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council by Resolution No. 1998/03 to develop a Terms of Reference that would represent the voice and inclusion of Eshkeniijig/ Youth to the overall development of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution No. 2002/07 to accept the Terms of Reference for the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly approved the election of the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council by Resolution No. 2004/16; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council require ongoing support from the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly to fulfill their mandate; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council request that a Chief and Elder of the Anishinabek Nation be appointed to hold the Youth Council Portfolio to provide guidance and assistance to the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council as required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the mandate of the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to appoint a Chief and Elder of the Anishinabek Nation to hold the Youth Council Portfolio to provide guidance and assistance to the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee - Aundeck Omni Kaning             |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Mike Esquega - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                      |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

**Subject: Support for Youth Coordination and Involvement** 

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council established the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council by Resolution # 1998/03 to develop a Terms of Reference that would represent the voice and inclusion of Eshkeniijig/Youth to the overall development of the Anishinabek Nation; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Grand Council passed Resolution #2002/07 to accept the Terms of Reference for the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly approved the election of the Eshkeniijig/ Youth Advisory Council by Resolution #2004/16; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council has extended the term of their elected representations for 2005-2006 due to lack of funding to hold new elections; and

WHEREAS the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council requests greater coordination and support from the Union of Ontario Indians to assist them in fulfilling their mandate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the mandate of the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments for youth coordination funding to support the activities of the Eshkeniijig/Youth Advisory Council and, when such funding is received, the position of Youth Coordinator be re-established at the Union of Ontario Indians.

| Moved By:    | Chief Chris Plain - Aamjiwnaang First Nation            |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Tom Bressette - Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point |
| Status:      | Passed by consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

**Subject: Strategic Planning for Housing Capacity Development** 

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Assembly support this initiative of community consultation, and the development of housing authority models to assist in establishing First Nation Housing Authority at the community level; and

WHEREAS the initiative will continue to support and advocate First Nation self determination through long term strategic planning, assist First Nations in building and maintaining sustainable housing environments while transferring housing information, technologies and processes into First Nation hands; and

WHEREAS the initiative has focused on four key areas including Individual and Private Home Ownership, Care and Control of Band Owned Assets, Independent and/ or Collective Housing Authority Structures, and addressing First Nation Social Housing Needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has embarked upon a National Housing Strategy and has allocated \$295,000,000.00 to First Nation Housing over the next 2 years; and

WHEREAS the First Nations housing sector will be under pressure to mobilize and get new houses built in a compressed time frame; and

WHEREAS the initiative is now poised to enter into a transitional phase that will see pilot activity undertaken, utilizing the housing authority models to move to practical implementation at the First Nation level.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly do hereby support the continued work of the Anishinabek Nation Management Group Inc. (ANMGI) and the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) in the Housing Authority Implementation Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly hereby accept the interim report and the four recommendations provided by ANMGI; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the ANMGI / UOI will provide a final report to the Chiefs in Assembly on the "ANMGI / UOI Housing Implementation Initiative", with a target date of June 1, 2006.

| Moved By:    | Harvey Trudeau, Proxy - Sagamok Anishnawbek  |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Chris Plain - Aamjiwnaang First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by consensus                          |

| in Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject:

Gimaakinidizowin - Instituting Comprehensive Self-Government Negotiations Under a revised Negotiations Framework

WHEREAS by Resolution 95/25 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to enter into self-government negotiations with the Federal government in all areas including, among others, governance, education, lands, resources, justice and social services; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians have been involved in Governance and Education negotiations under the federal Inherent Right Policy since 1996, recognizing that twenty-eight First Nations have already approved the Agreement in Principle with respect to Education and six First Nations have approved the Agreement in Principle with respect to Governance, with more communities considering whether to enter into these agreements; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that Anishinabek First Nations gain greater control over lands, resources, fiscal relationships and other jurisdictions beyond Education and Governance and the Inherent Rights Policy and that this greater control be based on our inherent rights to self-government and self determination; and

WHEREAS the Inherent Rights Policy is a Government of Canada policy that provides a framework for negotiating self-government agreements that was developed without input from First Nations. The Inherent Right Policy does not meet the needs of our First Nations, nor does it recognize our right to have our governments acknowledged as fully self-governing and sovereign First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal government has supported comprehensive self-government negotiations in many parts of Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal government has moved to establish a new government-to-government relationship based on the "Recognition of First Nations Governments" accord signed on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 between Prime Minister Paul Martin and National Chief Phil Fontaine and the National Aboriginal Roundtables process; and

WHEREAS in the spring of 2005 the Ontario Provincial government developed a new Aboriginal policy that indicates that they desire to create a "new constructive, co-operative" relationship with First Nations which may include the Province of Ontario may also be a party to a revised negotiation framework.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to develop a strategy to expand current negotiations to include all comprehensive sectoral areas including lands, resources, economic development and social services, and that a proposal to move forward on these comprehensive negotiations be included and presented to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly in the fall of 2005.

Resolution No. 2005/09

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to explore a new, revised comprehensive negotiation framework based on the *"Recognition of First Nations Governments" accord*, based on our inherent right to self-government, Section 35 of the Constitution Act of Canada, our own Anishinabek Nation and First Nations constitutions within a revised Canadian constitutional framework.

| Moved By:    | Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek       |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Franklin Paibomsai - Whitefish River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Damage to the Anishinabek Great Lakes and Inland Waters

WHEREAS the Great Lakes and Inland Waters have sustained the life of the Anishinabek since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS Treaty and Aboriginal rights exist that depend on the health, quality and quantity of the waters of the Great Lakes and Inland Waters; and

WHEREAS the ocean going vessels have entered into the Great Lakes for transportation of their cargo to all parts of Canada and have propagated the introduction of more than 170 foreign species through un-ballast water; and

WHEREAS native species of fish are being decimated with no defence against the introduction of the foreign species; and

WHEREAS exotic species such as Gobies, Zebra Mussels, and the potential introduction of Asian (Jumping) Carp, have a direct impact to the entire ecosystem; and

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have the resources to establish policies to control the introduction of exotic species; and

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have demonstrated no firm enforcement practices for the protection of the natural habitat of the Great Lakes and Inland Waters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that First Nations become more aware of the this issue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly demand the enforcement of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Ministry of Environment policies specifically with respect to exotic species in the Great Lakes and Inland Waters; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to meet with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Ministry of Environment and to develop a strategic plan regarding the enforcement of policies regarding exotic species in the Great Lakes and Inland Waters.

| Moved By:    | Chief Mike Esquega – Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Tom Bressette - Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point  |
| Status:      | Passed by consensus                                      |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: Protection of the Great Lakes

**WHEREAS** the waters within the Great Lakes Basin are within the inherent jurisdiction of the United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS** the Tribes and First Nations of the United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes entered into Treaties with colonial governments that included sharing of the wealth of the land and waters; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek, as part of the United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes, have an inherent right and sacred responsibility from the Creator to protect natural resources such as water and have Treaty and Aboriginal rights with respect to these waters; and

**WHEREAS** Canada and the United States of America are currently negotiating a Great Lakes "Annex Regime" that would create a scheme for permitting large water withdrawals from the Great Lakes Basin where certain criteria are met; and

**WHEREAS** the Great Lakes Annex Regime itself, as a decision-making regime, directly violates Aboriginal and Treaty rights to water as well as other Aboriginal and Treaty rights dependent on water; and

WHEREAS the inherent jurisdiction of the Anishinabek in the waters within the Great Lakes Basin must be recognized and respected by signatory Governors and Premiers of the Great Lakes Charter and any discussion of management of Great Lakes water resources must be on a government-to-government or Nation-to-Nation basis with the Anishinabek.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby notify all levels of government that we have a direct decision-making role in the development, approval and operation of any regime governing water quantity and quality in the Great Lakes Basin, including the Great Lakes Annex Regime and the *Source Water Protection Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs direct the Union of Ontario Indians to immediately direct intense lobbying efforts to support recognition of our direct decision-making authority in governing the Great Lakes Basin and that all levels of government be notified as to our legal rights to this land and water; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs direct the Union of Ontario Indians to immediately notify all levels of government of our ownership through treaties and inherent rights in relation to the waters and water beds of the Great Lakes.

| Moved By:    | Chief Mike Esquega – Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Tom Bressette - Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point  |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                      |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council @hief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: Regional Chiefs and Deputy Grand Council Chief Positions of the Anishinabek Nation

WHEREAS the positions of Regional Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation have evolved and now require an immense commitment of time to deal with the number of issues that arise at the regional level; and

WHEREAS the time required of the Regional Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation to address regional issues has had a detrimental affect on the ability of the Regional Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation to manage issues within their own communities; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region at their meeting on May 29-30, 2005 at Fort William First Nation resolved that the position of Regional Chief of the Anishinabek Nation be changed to reflect the time and resources required of the position and that such position should become an elected position independent of the requirement that the Regional Chief of the Anishinabek Nation also hold the position of elected Chief of a First Nation; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Northern Superior Region further resolved to have the position of the Deputy Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation reviewed to determine the necessity of this position due to the proposed changes to the positions of Regional Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly direct that the current organizational structure of the Union of Ontario Indians be reviewed concerning the positions of Regional Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation and that options be presented at the next Special Grand Council Assembly for consideration by the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the review of the organizational structure of the Union of Ontario Indians include an analysis of how the Deputy Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation position may change with the proposed expansion of the positions of the Regional Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation.

| Moved By:    | Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek       |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Franklin Paibomsai - Whitefish River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

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Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Direction to the Union of Ontario Indians to Complete a Review of Corporate Relationships

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians was incorporated in 1968, the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. was incorporated in 1976 and the Anishinabek Nation Management Group was incorporated in 1994; and

WHEREAS the regular periodic structural review of corporate structure is a healthy aspect to maintaining efficiency and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS in 2001 the Anishinabek Chiefs in assembly mandated the organization to complete a structural review and a deficit recovery plan and the Anishinabek Chiefs subsequently accepted this report and implemented the recommendations to a limited extent; and

WHEREAS it has been identified that the completed review is dated and there is a need to review the relationships and reporting structure between the three Anishinabek Corporations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that a review be conducted on the relationships between the three Anishinabek corporations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors to appoint a Commissioner to oversee the development of the review; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a report of the review and recommendations be presented at a fall assembly of the Anishinabek and a final report before the 2006 Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly.

| Moved By:    | Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek       |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Tom Bressette - Kettle & Stony Point First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Boaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: Inter-Territorial Harvesting

WHEREAS we, the Anishinabek Nation, are given rights and responsibilities from the Creator and have entered into treaties with the British Crown; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has managed the natural resources within their traditional territories since time immemorial and have never relinquished these rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS as part of the management of our traditional territories, Anishinabek First Nations have considered requests from First Nations people from other traditional and treaty territories to hunt and fish within their territory and, on occasion, have granted permission to these requests; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources have not acknowledged the right of Anishinabek First Nations to manage the natural resources within our traditional and treaty territories and to allow First Nations people from other traditional or treaty territories to exercise their inherent rights in other territories; and

WHEREAS the Anishinabek First Nations have the right to manage the natural resources within our traditional and treaty territories which includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of permits to harvest within these territories; and

WHEREAS in 1994 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly supported the Inter-Territorial Harvesting Accord, which has yet to be acknowledged by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS at the Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council Joint Approach Forum on April 27-28, 2005, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources expressed his support for the development of an Inter-Territorial Harvesting Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct that the Government of Ontario make all required changes to legislation and regulations pertaining to the management of fish, wildlife and natural resources that currently restrict the ability of First Nations people to exercise their rights to harvest and to exercise these rights within other traditional and treaty territories;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to affirm the commitment of the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources to the advancement of an Inter-Territorial Harvesting Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to demand as an interim measure, that the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources respect and acknowledge the Inter-Territorial Harvest Accord that is supported by the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly and move to implementation of the Accord; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs direct the Ontario Regional Chief to lobby and advocate for the recognition of these rights through the Inter-Governmental Affairs process including the withdrawal of all outstanding charges with the Attorney General of Ontario.

| Moved By:    | Chief Wilfred King - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek       |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Franklin Paibomsai - Whitefish River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                     |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

**Subject: Joint Projects Advisory Committee** 

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) is participating in three justice projects during the 2005-2006 fiscal year in relation to appeals and redress, enforcement, and harvesting; and

WHEREAS the UOI has proposed the development of a Joint Projects Advisory Committee (JPAC) to provide guidance, advocacy, and assistance to these three justice projects; and

WHEREAS the JPAC shall consist of one representative from each of the four regions, Anishinabek Nation Elder's Council, Anishinabek Nation Women's Council, Anishinabek Nation Youth Council, and the UOI Board of Directors, to serve for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS the JPAC members for the 2005-2006 term as duly appointed by each region and council are:

- Chief Wilfred King for the UOI Board of Directors;
- Joe Endanawas for the Lake Huron Region;
- Chief Joe Buckell for the Northern Superior Region;
- Amber Crowe for the Southeast Region;
- Bonnie Bressette for the Southwest Region;
- Anishinabek Nation Elder's Council;
- Wanda Thompson for the Anishinabek Nation Women's Council; and
- Leah Boissoneau for the Anishinabek Nation Youth Council.

WHEREAS recognizing the knowledge held by the Anishinabek Nation Elder's Council, the JPAC members have agreed that all regional representatives of the Anishinabek Nation Elder's Council shall be invited to attend meetings of the JPAC; and

WHEREAS the attached Terms of Reference have been endorsed by the JPAC members.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development of the JPAC under the accepted Terms of Reference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly accept the duly appointed members of the JPAC; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the JPAC to report on its work at the next Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Kelly Riley – Chippewas of the Thames  |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                          |

| In Favour:   | All  |  |
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| Opposed:     | None |  |
| Abstentions: | None |  |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: A First Nations-Provincial Crown Political Accord on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Health Governance in Ontario

**WHEREAS** the First Nations – Federal Crown Political Accord on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nation Governments was signed on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 to ensure the recognition and implementation of First Nations governance (see attached); and

**WHEREAS** the First Nations – Federal Crown Political Accord stands as a rejection of the panaboriginal approach; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations must remain steadfast in their desire to maintain a nation to nation relationship with the Crown in Right of Canada and the Crown in Right of the Province of Ontario to address their health issues as an aspect of their inherent right of self-government; and

WHEREAS the Legal Opinion on Ontario First Nations Health Blueprint – Rights Analysis, prepared by David C. Nahwegahbow for the Chiefs Committee on Health for Ontario on June 14, 2005 states that "First Nations' rights and the special relationship with the Crown do stand to be affected by a Health Blueprint" and that "It would be contrary to the principle of recognition and implementation of the inherent right of self government to treat health funding for First Nations "in the same pot" as other Aboriginal organizations or Aboriginal individuals who have different legal rights and interests." (Attachment page 11); and

**WHEREAS** on June 22, 2005 the Anishinabek Health Commission directed the development of a subsequent legal opinion to address the issue of the impact of the 1994 Aboriginal Health Policy; Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy; and recent Provincial Health Initiatives.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Regional Chief to develop and implement a First Nations – Provincial Crown Political Accord ("Accord") on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nation's Health Governance in Ontario; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians and the Anishinabek Health Commission to work together in the development of a draft Accord that will serve to realize the Anishinabek vision of Mnaamadzowin: a good way of life for the free and sovereign Anishinabek Nation and for the Anishinabek Grand Council Chief to advocate for the Accord with the Regional Chief.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee - Aundeck Omni Kaning |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Keith Knott - Curve Lake First Nation  |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                          |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject:

Recognition of Aboriginal Healing Lodges as Health Service Providers by

**Health Canada** 

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Government of Canada to provide health benefits, including medical transportation, to Indians throughout Canada; and

WHEREAS Non-Insured Health Benefits Program provides only a limited range of medically necessary health related goods and services to Indians, including medical transportation to access medically required health services not available on the reserve or community of residence; and

WHEREAS a number of Aboriginal healing lodges have been established in the Anishinabek Nation territory to provide necessary health services and access to traditional teachers, healers and Elders that may not be available on the reserve or community of residence; and

WHEREAS Enaahtig Healing Lodge and Learning Centre and other healing lodges in Ontario have been lobbying for eight years to gain recognition by Health Canada as health service providers to allow First Nations to access medical transportation funding from Health Canada; and

WHEREAS the healing lodges do not receive and are not requesting any funding from Health Canada for medical transportation, but are seeking recognition as a health service provider to which First Nations can send their community members for treatment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the Aboriginal healing lodges in their efforts to gain recognition and designation as health service providers by Health Canada for purposes of allowing First Nations to access medical transportation benefits; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to lobby and advocate for and with the healing lodges to gain the recognition they seek from Health Canada.

| Moved By:    | Chief Valerie Monague – Beausoleil First Nation    |  |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Georgina Thompson – Sheguiandah First Nation |  |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                                |  |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program

WHEREAS Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a medical term used to describe a broad and complex range of birth defects and lifelong disabilities caused by the consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS FASD is the leading cause of mental retardation and preventable birth defects in Canada; and

WHEREAS based on data from isolated studies, current statistics indicate that the rates of FASD among aboriginal people in Canada is 30 times the national average and the lifelong health care and support required for each affected individual is an estimated \$1.6 million dollars per person; and

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) Anishinabek Health Commission sought and secured funding through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to create and launch an FASD Program in 2002 to prevent and effectively address the needs of those affected by FASD in Anishinabek communities; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario transferred the FASD Portfolio from the MOHLTC to the newly created Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) in 2004, which will cause nineteen aboriginal FASD Programs to come to an end on March 31, 2006 with no present indication of ongoing funding; and

WHEREAS ongoing funding for the FASD Programs is critical to address the tremendous gaps that exist for First Nation communities with regards to prevention, access to diagnostic services, special needs services, medical treatment, community infrastructure, support living facilities, research, and other such services; and

WHEREAS the elimination of FASD Program funding would severely affect the hard-earned momentum gained by the UOI Anishinabek Health Commission at the community level in addressing this challenging health care issue through such initiatives as an extensive needs assessment, and delivery of over 146 capacity-building workshops to 472 Anishinabek caregivers.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the UOI Anishinabek Health Commission in pursuing ongoing funding for and delivery of FASD Programs in Anishinabek territory; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation to advocate the federal and provincial governments to provide the appropriate financial and human resources necessary to enable Anishinabek communities to create the infrastructure and services needed to prevent FASD and to meet the needs of individuals and their families who are affected by this lifelong disability.

Subject:

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program** 

| Moved By:    | Chief Kelly Riley – Chippewas of the Thames |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Ted Roque – Wahnapitae First Nation   |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus                         |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

Subject: Anti-Racism Initiatives

WHEREAS the Anishinabek are taught that all living things are related, and are to be treated with kindness and respect; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek believe that our actions should be designed to benefit children born seven generations in the future; and

WHEREAS Anishinabek teachings guide and inform the political advocacy carried out by the Union of Ontario Indians on behalf of our member First Nations; and

WHEREAS there is ample evidence of racism targeting First Nations and Aboriginal peoples in Canadian society -- in our classrooms, our workplaces, our streets, and our schools; and

WHEREAS the Communications Unit of the Union of Ontario Indians produces, distributes, and presents public education materials designed to enhance awareness of Anishinabek culture traditions, and contemporary issues; and

WHEREAS our growing network of partners and allies includes such organizations as the Ontario Human Rights Commission, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, and various local anti-racism committees located across Anishinabek Territory.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Union of Ontario Indians Communications Unit in the development of and participation in anti-racism initiatives designed to protect and support all Anishinabek citizens, regardless of residence.

| Moved By:    | Chief Lyle Sayers - Garden River First Nation                |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Nicole Pelletier-Southwind, Serpent River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus  |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse** 

Subject: Opposition to the Elimination of Community Based Economic Development Programs

WHEREAS many First Nations in Ontario are under-resourced in the area of economic development and in many cases do not have the necessary investment capital and resources to ensure sustainable economies, especially in the area of entrepreneurship, business development and business expansion; and

WHEREAS both the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have taken steps recently to reduce their financial contributions towards First Nation economic development, namely the position of Community Economic Development Assistant; and

WHEREAS the First Nations of Ontario have successfully utilized the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC") Equity Programs, such as the Opportunities Fund; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Aboriginal Economic Development Program ("OAEDP") is a valuable provincial program that provides First Nations in Ontario useful support and resources for economic and business development; and

WHEREAS both the federal INAC Equity Program and the provincial OAEDP program have had a profound beneficial affect on First Nations economies across Canada through business development and business expansion; and

**WHEREAS** the unilateral decisions to eliminate the federal INAC Equity Programs and the provincial OAEDP program will have a tremendous detrimental effect on First Nation's economies and their ability to assist business development and expansion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly condemn the arbitrary decision by the Government of Canada to eliminate the INAC Equity Programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly condemn the arbitrary decision by the Government of Ontario to eliminate the Ontario OAEDP; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Anishinabek Grand Council Chief to take immediate steps to address this assault on community economic development by developing a strategy to lobby and/or negotiate for reinstatement of the federal INAC Equity Program and the provincial OAEDP; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the objective of this strategy is to re-establish these programs to levels that will be sustained to support First Nation economic development.

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| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee – Aundeck Omni Kaning               |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Robert Corbiere – Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus  |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaugage

Grand Council Chief

Nelson Toulouse

**Subject: Shingwauk Education Trust** 

WHEREAS Chief Shingwauk walked to Toronto (York) for the establishment of a "Teaching Wigwam" in 1832 for the Anishinabek and as a result of his efforts, and the hard work of his sons Chief Buhgujiniini and Chief Austin Shingwauk, the Shingwauk Residential School was created to equip Anishinabek people with the necessary educational skills to meet the changing world; and

WHEREAS the Shingwauk Education Trust, a not-for-profit corporation, has been established to continue and expand the vision of Chief Shingwauk by developing an accredited Shingwauk University that will ensure education for all Anishinabek; and

WHEREAS the Shingwauk Education Trust is legally comprised of representatives of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, Children of Shingwauk Residential School Alumni, and the Diocese of Algoma (Anglican Church); and

WHEREAS the Shingwauk Education Trust has assumed the mutual transfer of responsibilities from the Mamaweswen Training Institute programs, and has submitted a proposal for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Union of Ontario Indians for political lobbying and consideration for the re-establishment of education funding for the Anishinabek to levels provided prior to March 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS there has currently been no process developed to resolve how the Indian Studies Support Program funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada should be addressed between Shingwauk Education Trust and the Anishinabek Education Institute.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly confirm their support for the Shingwauk Education Trust and their mandate to continue the vision of Chief Shingwauk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support the development and fulfillment of both the mandates of Shingwauk Education Trust and the Anishinabek Education Institute, and believe that both can mutually enhance and support the efforts of the other; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians' Treasury Board to develop a working relationship with Shingwauk Education Trust and to assist in negotiating funds from other sources to Shingwauk Education Trust to assist in their development work that is required; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to report on the development of a working relationship with Shingwauk Education Trust at the next Grand Council Assembly.

| Moved By:    | Chief Lyle Sayers – Garden River First Nation                 |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Nicole Pelletier-Southwind – Serpent River First Nation |
| Status:      | Passed by Consensus   |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Neison Toulouse** 

Resolution No. 2005/22

Subject: Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership Representation

WHEREAS the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Agreement states that a person is to be nominated for the position of Director to represent the Union of Ontario Indians for a one-year period.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly appoint Leroy Dolson for a one-year period from June 2005 to June 2006 to represent the Union of Ontario Indians on the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Board of Directors.

| Moved By:    | Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning               |
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| Seconded By: | Chief Robert Corbiere, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve |
| Status:      |   |

| In Favour:   | All  |
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| Opposed:     | None |
| Abstentions: | None |

John Beaucage

Grand Council Chief

**Nelson Toulouse**