

**Subject: Acceptance and Implementation of Chiefs Committee on Governance  
'Executing the Plan' Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig Implementation  
Plan Report 2008**

**WHEREAS** by Resolution 2005/09 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to develop a strategy to expand current negotiations to include all comprehensive sectoral areas; and

**WHEREAS** by Resolution 2007/01 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly endorsed the "Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance 2007 Report" which focused on four key pillars for First Nation and Anishinabek Nation development including Governance, Membership/Citizenship, Economic & Community Development and Communications; and

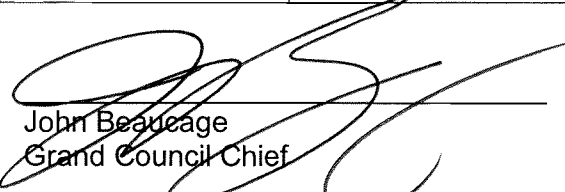
**WHEREAS** by Resolution 2007/01 the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly directed the Union of Ontario Indians to develop an implementation plan for the "Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance 2007 Report"; and


**WHEREAS** the Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance have lead the process of completing the background work associated with the development of this Implementation Plan as directed via these resolutions; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly accept the "Chiefs Committee on Governance 'Executing the Plan' Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig Implementation Report 2008" as it is presented; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to implement the "Chiefs Committee on Governance 'Executing the Plan' Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig Implementation Report 2008" through the existing programs and departments, and follow this with a progress report to the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly in the fall of 2008, and that this work shall be without prejudice to First Nations that are under similar processes.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Denise Restoule, Dokis First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilmer Noganosh, Magnetwan First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried by Majority
<b>In Favour:</b>	Majority
<b>Opposed:</b>	Chief Marianna Couchie, Nipissing First Nation
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Assure Fuel Rebate Solutions**

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians and the First Nations Independent Fuel Handlers Cooperative have worked together to develop a new, practical solution to address the complicated matter of administering timely provincial motor fuel tax rebates; and

**WHEREAS** the "Assure Fuel Rebate Solutions", the new electronic solution for processing rebates for the motor fuel tax, is in its last stages of development and integration with the Ministry of Revenues Motor Fuels Tax Branch and is expected to go online on September 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS** the new electronic system will eliminate the need for fuel rebate slips, fuel rebate processing forms, white certification of exemption gas tax card, and more importantly eliminating thousands of hours of tedious processing and calculations by fuel retailers; and

**WHEREAS** the new system will ensure rebates are deposited directly into the bank accounts of fuel retailers every day (following a one-time initial waiting period), thereby eliminating the costly practice of waiting for government rebate cheques which on average takes between 6-14 weeks to receive a cheque from the Ministry of Revenue and results in on-reserve fuel retailers being out substantial amounts of money waiting for their fuel rebates; and


**WHEREAS** the First Nations Independent Fuel Handlers Cooperative and their partners have been consulting directly with on-reserve fuel retailers in an effort to sign up businesses voluntarily.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the *Assure Fuel Rebate Solutions* for use throughout Anishinabek Nation territory; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly urge the Ministry of Revenues Motor Fuels Tax Branch to mandate the implementation of the *Assure Fuel Rebate Solutions* province-wide through a phased approach to be completed within two years.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Chris Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Patrick Waddilove, Munsee-Delaware Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**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 2008 to June 2009 to represent the Union of Ontario Indians on the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership Board of Directors.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Renewal**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly supported a community consultation process that included representatives from the Anishinabek, seven Area Health Boards, community Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) programs and interested specialized projects workers and the Anishinabek leadership with respect to the AHWS renewal process; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek consultation process has identified several key findings and recommendations for Phase IV the AHWS; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek consultation process has issued a report titled "Regional AHWS Renewal Consultation Report: Based on the Union of Ontario Indians Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy Renewal Consultations with First Nation Communities within Anishinabek Territory" dated June 4, 2008.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly have had the opportunity to review the Regional AHWS Renewal Consultation Report and accept its recommendations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to implement the recommendations of the Regional AHWS Renewal Consultation Report.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Patrick Waddilove, Munsee-Delaware Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Lyle Sayers, Ojibways of Garden River
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHAC's)**

**WHEREAS** the Southwest Ontario Health Access Centre, Mamaweswen Health Access Centre and Noojmowin Teg Health Access Centre provides health care, both through traditional and western medical health practices to our Anishinabek citizens within our communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHAC) have essentially been under a funding freeze since 1997; and

**WHEREAS** other Anishinabek regions have identified a critical need for the development of Aboriginal Health Access Centres in their regions.

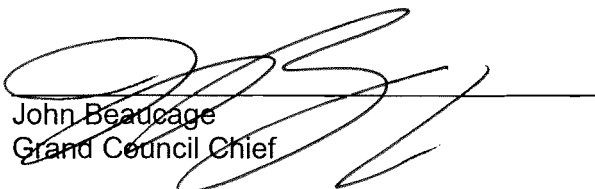
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly do hereby direct that the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (Ministry of Health and Long-Term) pursue the development of Aboriginal Health Access Centres in those Anishinabek regions that require these services

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly do hereby direct that the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) cease the funding freeze to Aboriginal Health Access Centres and provide the equitable funding equal to Ministry funded mainstream community health centres to facilitate adequate primary health care to our Anishinabek citizens; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Portfolio Chief for Health & Healing (Bear Clan) to advocate for the funding freeze to be lifted and access to greater funding for primary health care or prevention/promotion services.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Jim Bob Marsden, Alderville First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Chris Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Treaty Implementation**

**WHEREAS** treaty making has been the vehicle through which relationships between First Nations peoples and non-First Nations peoples have traditionally been formalized; and

**WHEREAS** the land rights and jurisdiction of Anishinabek First Nations are essential components of the treaty.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek First Nations believe that their fundamental relationship with the Crown has been made and solemnized through treaties; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek declare that both federal and provincial governments are required by the Honour of the Crown to participate in treaty processes and to give effect to treaty rights and promises as a continuing process occurring in the context of the treaty relationship previously established; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the use of the Royal Commission of Aboriginal Peoples Report and recommendations with appropriate modifications based on agreement, shall serve as a road map for Anishinabek First Nations and the Crown to achieve implementation of the treaties; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that any future processes of treaty implementation and renewal shall respect the original treaty relationship standards and principles including entry into treaty implementation and renewal is voluntary; that any agreements or legislation developed in connection with the continuation of the treaty process is without prejudice to existing aboriginal and treaty rights; that renewed treaty processes should proceed on the basis of short, medium and long-term implementation; and that the Crown shall provide adequate long-term resources so that treaty-making and treaty-implementation and renewal processes can achieve their objectives.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Lake Huron Region Treaty Commission**

**WHEREAS** the Lake Huron Region Chiefs (LHRC) met on May 15 & 16, 2008 and passed a resolution to draft a Lake Huron Treaty Commission Framework; and

**WHEREAS** the LHRC seek to have the Lake Huron Treaty Commission Framework form a Treaty Organization that recognizes Inherent Rights and Treaties with the Crown; and

**WHEREAS** the LHRC shall undertake to further work to develop a Terms of Reference, Treaty Secretariat and Commission Structure and Affiliates for the Lake Huron Treaty Commission Framework; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the LHRC developing a Lake Huron Treaty Commission Framework; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that in support of the development of the Lake Huron Treaty Commission Framework, the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the LHRC to meet with the UOI Political Office to ensure effective dialogue in supporting constructive outcomes for both the LHRC Treaty Commission Framework and the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly and to seek funding options in support of the establishment of the process.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: New Governance Model for First Nation Health Benefits**

**WHEREAS** Health Canada has continuously cut back on Non-Insured Health Benefits that have had a disproportionate negative impact on the health status of Anishinabek citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the current policies and administrative procedures of the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits program will continue to adversely impact the health status of Anishinabek citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation is in the best position to adequately assess the needs of its citizens in order to design and deliver beneficial programs and services for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** it is vital to safeguard our inherent and treaty rights, while ensuring the federal and provincial governments fulfill their fiduciary obligations to provide health services to Anishinabek First Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has presented a multi-phased approach to Health Canada that sets out the development of a modern and sustainable governance model for the delivery of health benefits aimed at improving the health status of Anishinabek citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians has received a positive commitment from Health Canada to explore the implementation of Phase 0 of the proposed approach, which will assist in determining the feasibility of developing and implementing a new governance model for the delivery of health benefits to Anishinabek citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs in Assembly, historically has asked the Grand Council Chief, Chiefs of Ontario and the Assembly of First Nations to advocate for a solution to the ongoing and serious issue of the chronic underfunding of the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the Union of Ontario Indians exploring and engaging in a process to develop a new governance model for the delivery of health benefits to Anishinabek citizens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly endorse the commencement of Phase 0 which will explore what are the current health issues and requirements within the Anishinabek First Nations; the current health policies; to explore why the Anishinabek First Nations are not direct parties in determining which services and drugs are included as Non-Insured Health Benefits; and the feasibility of the Anishinabek Nation assuming delivery of health benefits to its citizens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to advocate for improved health outcomes of Anishinabek citizens through this initiative, and ensure full and adequate grass roots consultation; and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proposed administration of this new governance model for First Nation health be undertaken by grass roots health organizations; and

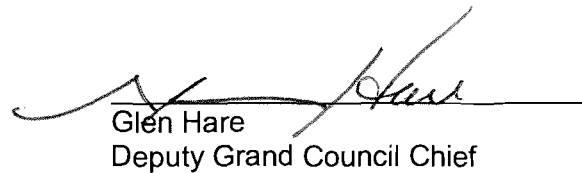
**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the results of the feasibility study be reported back to the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Grand Council Assembly once completed.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Denise Restoule, Dokis First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Kirby Whiteduck, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
<b>Status:</b>	Carried by majority

<b>In Favour:</b>	Majority
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	Chief Elizabeth Cloud, Kettle & Stony Point



John Beauceage  
Grand Council Chief



Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Bill C-47 Matrimonial Real Property**

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government feels it is necessary to address certain family law matters on First Nation reserves since provincial and territorial laws and the *Indian Act* do not address those matters; and

**WHEREAS** many First Nations in Canada have not exercised their lawmaking jurisdiction in the area of family law; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government's Ministerial Representative appointee (Wendy Grant-John) submitted a final report of the government's so called nation-wide consultative process (exclusive of the participation of First Nations in Ontario) and recommended options to deal with the Matrimonial Real Property issue; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations have expressed numerous concerns including the Federal Government unilaterally developing legislative options that will adversely affect inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and the Federal Government dismissing the recommendations in the Ministerial Representative's report; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government introduced new federal legislation, known as *Bill C-47 - An Act Respecting Family Homes Situated On-Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights in or to Structures & Lands Situated on those Reserves* (hereinafter referred to as "Bill C-47 on Matrimonial Real Property") into the House of Commons on March 8, 2008 for First Reading; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government's introduction of Bill C-47 on Matrimonial Real Property; Bill C-30 on Specific Claims; and, the legislative Bill C-31 on Membership is being perceived as implementing its 1969 White Paper piecemeal; and

**WHEREAS** the Crown cannot delegate its legal duty to consult to any third party; and

**WHEREAS** the Bill C-47 on Matrimonial Real Property itself will impact Aboriginal title and Treaty rights; and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-47 on Matrimonial Real Property contains clauses that provide the government with a veto on First Nation's law, through a Verification Officer which has powers similar to former Indian Agents; and

**WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations have three resolutions relating to Matrimonial Real Property, namely Resolution #32/06 - Matrimonial Real Property; Resolution #57/06 - Anishinabek Nation Law Respecting Matrimonial Property; and Resolution #72 - Matrimonial Real Property - Process Concerns, all rejecting an imposed legislative process as now proposed by the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS** there was an Assembly of First Nations National Forum for First Nation Women Chiefs in Vancouver on February 12-14, 2007, which resulted in a unanimous 11-point statement, including opposition to any attempt by the federal government to unilaterally impose legislation and policy such as the Matrimonial Real Property process; and

**WHEREAS** the Assembly of First Nations Women's Council and the Assembly of First Nations have issued statements condemning Bill C-47, including the Assembly of First Nations National Chief's letter to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada of April 8, 2008; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly passed Resolution No. 2006/43 denouncing the Federal Government's consultation process and developed its' own Matrimonial Real Property Law for the Anishinabek Nation in March 2007.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct that the Federal Government reorient its' process by directly engaging First Nations on solutions that recognizes the First Nations - Federal Crown Accord on the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments and that is consistent with inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights, along with traditional culture and customs, which will address the needs of First Nation communities; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly assert that the Federal Government must consult directly with First Nations whose inherent Aboriginal or Treaty Rights may be adversely impacted by any action, government or otherwise; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Federal Government to withdraw Bill C-47 on Matrimonial Real Property until such resources are provided for First Nations to properly develop a meaningful process that respects First Nations' jurisdiction; and

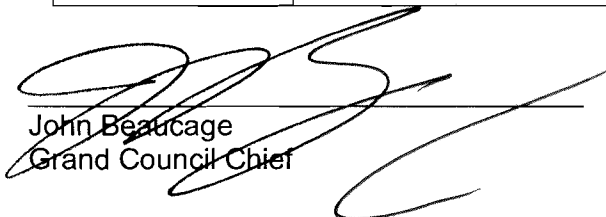
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly instruct the Union of Ontario Indians to develop an impact statement as to how Bill C-47 will or may affect the treaties of the Anishinabek Nation; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to seek standing before the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs when Bill C-47 is referred for their review, and to clearly present the Anishinabek Nation's opposition to the Bill C-47; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Lake Huron Regional Chiefs as representatives of the Robinson Huron Treaty to also seeking standing before the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs to present their opposition to Bill C-47.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Kirby Whiteduck, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief James Marsden, Alderville First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Bearcage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Support for Greater Special Education Funding**

**WHEREAS** under the education provisions of the *Indian Act* the Federal Government has undertaken to fulfil and support the education needs of First Nation people; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has a fiduciary role with respect to First Nation citizen's education and must act in the best interests of First Nation people; and

**WHEREAS** the special education needs of First Nations are disproportionately high as compared to non-First Nation people; and

**WHEREAS** First Nation special education funding has been chronically under funded over the past decade; and

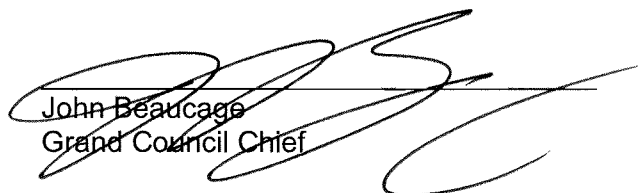
**WHEREAS** the costs of special needs has fluctuated between school boards leaving no consistent or predictable costs; and

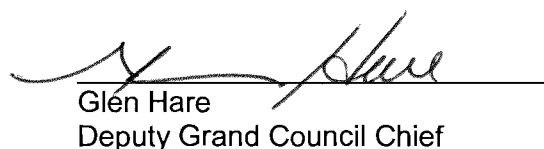
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly do hereby direct that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada increase special education funding immediately; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to advocate for greater special education funding from all levels of government.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Proxy Mike Esquega, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Treaty Commissioner Representation**

**WHEREAS** the Lake Huron Region Chiefs (LHRC) requires that a person be nominated for the position of Treaty Commissioner to represent the LHRC for a one-year period.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly appoint Chief Isadore Day for a one-year period from June 2008 to June 2009 to represent the LHRC as Treaty Commissioner.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: USE OF THE TERM ANISHINABEK AND TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF THE TERM 'ABORIGINAL'**

**WHEREAS** more and more governments, citizens of Canada, news media, and some of our own people incorrectly use the term "aboriginal" by using this as a synonym for "First Nations" or as a means of being politically correct, however there are no aboriginal bands, aboriginal reserves, or aboriginal Chiefs; and

**WHEREAS** the use of the term "aboriginal" is another means of assimilation through the displacement of our First Nation specific inherent and treaty rights; and

**WHEREAS** First Nations have always felt that the inclusion of section 35 of the *Constitution Act* of Canada was a means to recognize and affirm aboriginal rights and to define the recipients of those rights, and was never to assimilate First Nations, Metis and Inuit into a homogenous group; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation and First Nations across Canada have taken a firm position opposing the so-called "pan-aboriginal" approach for administering programs and initiatives by the provincial and federal government; and

**WHEREAS** the prefix "ab" (Latin for "away") is defined as a preposition that means something that is "away from". (i.e. normal/abnormal; original/aboriginal); and

**WHEREAS** First Nations are the original people of North America, and not people who are something other than, or "away from" original; and

**WHEREAS** certain special interest groups, like the Congress of Aboriginal People, use the term "aboriginal" loosely, to legitimize their claims and their constituency.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we refer to ourselves, hereon and forever, officially as *Anishinabek*, or when appropriate, the more specific local terms (i.e. Chippewa, Algonquin, Delaware, etc.); and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that when referring to more than one Nation we continue to be referred to collectively as "First Nations" or "First Peoples"; and that we should not refer to ourselves as "aboriginal" in any context; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly hereby declare that the use of the term "aboriginal" is offensive when specifically referring to First Nations, and further declare that use of the term "aboriginal" be discontinued when referring specifically to First Nations; and

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly  
Whitefish River First Nation  
June 23, 24, 25, 2008

Resolution No. 2008/18

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**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly shall work to encourage all Canadians to honour and respect the preference of our people by developing and promoting awareness and educational initiatives, lobbying for changes in government policy, and recommending style changes/terminology changes within the news media.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Anishinabek Traditional Knowledge Water Policy Recommendations**

**WHEREAS** First Nation people have treaty and aboriginal rights with respect to water as the Great Lakes and all inland waters have sustained the life of the Anishinabek since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation through the establishment of the Anishinabek Women's Water Commission has taken, a leadership position on all water resources as pollution and degradation of watersheds and water bodies have had a severe impact on Anishinabek Peoples way of life; and

**WHEREAS** on February 25 & 26, 2008, the Anishinabek Ontario Resource Management Council's, Water Working Group developed and managed the Anishinabek Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Water Policy Conference with the support of the Women's Water Commission; and

**WHEREAS** the Conference was inspired by the need to explore together the many interrelationships with water and to promote relationship building between the Anishinabek Nation and both provincial and federal governments; and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of the Conference was to find directions that would be meaningful for Anishinabek communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation is dedicated to provide support to their member First Nation communities on all water issues and the management of all Mother Earth's creations that rely on water, including water it's self.

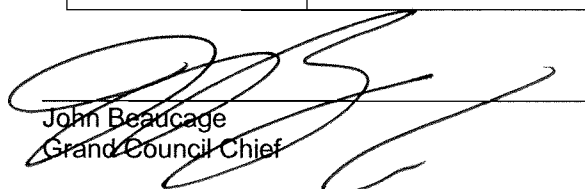
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the acknowledgment of traditional knowledge is essential in affecting policy, regulations, and support for remedial action such as co-management must be implemented; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly support the findings of the ATK Water Policy Conference that will continue to build capacity at the community level, facilitate involvement of youth, data and information exchange, policy development, and build on community awareness and education with regards to all water issues; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians with the development of a strategy that will allow for Anishinabek Traditional Knowledge to be incorporated into water policy in both provincial and federal governments at all levels.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Isadora Bebamash, M'Chigeeng First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Marianna Couchie, Nipissing First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief



**SUBJECT: Fall Harvest Gathering**

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek First Nations have treaty and aboriginal rights with respect to hunting, fishing and gathering since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS** Anishinabek First Nation communities traditional and customary harvesting practices are a way of life, and the importance of sharing this traditional harvesting knowledge is paramount for future generations; and

**WHEREAS** by strengthening our oral history and traditional practices, Anishinabek First Nations reinforce our jurisdiction and assertion of aboriginal and treaty rights; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need for an Anishinabek Nation harvesting gathering aimed to support the importance of sharing traditional harvesting knowledge among Anishinabek First Nation leadership and harvesters including elders, youth and women; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation is dedicated to providing support to their member First Nation communities on natural resource management and the management of harvesting on the land.

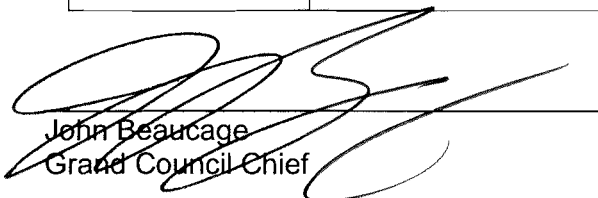
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly support the need to host a Fall Harvest Gathering that is aimed to build on community awareness and education regarding harvesting issues with respect to traditional and customary principles and values; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Nation will host a Fall Harvest Gathering in the Robinson Huron – North Shore Traditional Territory for all First Nations in Ontario, and the Anishinabek leadership will identify key volunteers to participate in the planning of this event; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** the Anishinabek Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to move forward with the planning and implementation of the Fall Harvest Gathering and to seek financial resources for it.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Wilfred King, Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Strategic Communications Council**

**WHEREAS** there is widespread misunderstanding of Anishinabek culture, peoples, treaties and rights across our traditional territories; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs Committee on Governance recommended the development of internal and external communications strategies that are consistent with the overall political strategy of the Anishinabek Nation and the strategic direction of the Chiefs in Assembly and the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs Committee on Governance Report recommended that the Anishinabek Nation develop a communication strategy that involves Anishinabek First Nation Chiefs, Councils and citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs in Assembly endorsed Resolution 2008/03 calling for the development of, and permanent funding for, an Anishinabek strategic communications unit; and

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Leadership Council has approved the first draft terms of reference for a Strategic Communications Council; and

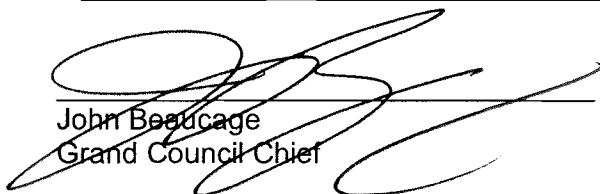
**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has begun implementing recommendations of the Report of the Ipperwash Inquiry into the death of Anthony Dudley George, including establishment of a Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has created a new Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly hereby direct the Grand Council Chief to submit a proposal seeking \$240,000 from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs which is outside of the Relationship Fund to develop and deliver a three-year work plan for the Anishinabek Strategic Communications Council.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Patrick Madahbee, Aundeck Omni Kaning
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
Glen Hare  
Deputy Grand Council Chief

**SUBJECT: Opposition to Bill C-51 – *An Act to Amend the Food and Drugs Act***

**WHEREAS** the Creator bestowed on the Anishinabek Nation the knowledge on how to use the plants on Turtle Island for healing and wellness; and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-51 *An Act to Amend the Food and Drugs Act* has been introduced into Parliament and is within the legislative process; and Bill C-51 seeks to regulate the use of traditional medicines and herbs to those of western medicinal practices; and

**WHEREAS** Bill C-51 will regulate the uses and practices of medicinal plants and herbs and the traditional practices of Anishinabek Nation has the potential to be outlawed by the passing of Bill C-51 because those practices are not recognized by western scientific knowledge.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and Portfolio Holder for Health & Healing to lobby the Minister of Health to oppose the passing of Bill C-51; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and the Portfolio Chief for Health & Healing (Bear Clan) to seek standing before the Standing Committee if Bill C-51 is referred to Standing Committee; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief and the Portfolio Chief for Health & Healing to report back to the Chiefs in Assembly on any progress.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Lyle Sayers, Ojibways of Garden River
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Proxy, Liz Yellowman, Aamjwnaang First Nation
<b>Status:</b>	Carried

<b>In Favour:</b>	All
<b>Opposed:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
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