

# RESOLUTIONS



**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL**

**JUNE 2 - 4, 1986**

HIAWATHA LODGE  
SAULT STE. MARIE

RESOLUTION #1:

**AGENDA**

THAT the Agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council be adopted as amended.

MOVED BY: Chief Charles Shawkence, Kettle & Stoney Point

SECONDED BY: Chief Ray Rogers, Chippewas of Sarnia

CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie.

RESOLUTION #2:

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

THAT Carrie Hayward, Charles Cornelius, Jan St. Germaine, Ian Johnson and Peter Digangi be appointed to act as the Resolutions Committee.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River

SECONDED BY: Chief Ed Williams, Moose Deer Point

CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

**RESOLUTION #3**

**1985 GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS**

THAT the Grand Council Rules of Procedure be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Doug Simon, Chippewas of Sarnia  
CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

**RESOLUTION #4:**

**1985 GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS**

THAT the Minutes of the Anishinabek Grand Council held May 21, 22, 23, 1985, at the Skyline, Toronto, be adopted.

MOVED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Doug Simon, Chippewas of Sarnia  
CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #5:

**MANDATE FOR REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS**

WHEREAS there exists within Ontario other interests that impede the progress of the Union of Ontario Indians negotiations because other political organizations and/or independent bands who are not in a position to commence negotiations to further their particular interests and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we clearly mandate the Union of Ontario Indians to commence negotiations, independent of other Indian political organizations in Ontario to further our principals and aims through regional negotiations.

MOVED BY: Chief Aubrey Coppaway, Curve Lake

SECONDED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing

TABLED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #6:

**NATIVE COMMUNITY BRANCH & ONTARIO NATIVE ECONOMIC STRATEGY  
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the Ontario Native Community Branch introduced a new program in 1985, The Ontario Native Economic Strategy Program(ONESP), to aid in the development of community facilities and programs and;

WHEREAS many Anishinabek Bands are just now becoming aware of this program and;

WHEREAS ONESP was originally a three (3) year pilot project aimed at making approximately \$28 million available to native communities and bands in Ontario and;

WHEREAS it appears that funding for the program might not be available beyond fiscal year 1986-87;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek request that Native Community Branch extend the ONESP program, so that all Native communities and bands in the province will have a fair chance at accessing funds through it.

MOVED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Terry Jacobs, Serpent River  
CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #7:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DIRECTION**

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Southwest Region have lost confidence in the capabilities of the Regional Director of Economic Development, Mr. John Conduit, for the following reasons;

- 1) The Director and his Department have not supported, given serious consideration to or approved major economic development proposals from the Southwest Region;
- 2) The Director has not been accessible to Bands which wish to consult on issues affecting them regarding economic development;
- 3) The Director has not taken an aggressive stance and therefore has been unsuccessful in accessing a fair share of the national resources for the program in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians support the Southwest Chiefs Resolution demanding the immediate resignation of Mr. John Conduit, Director of the Economic Development Program, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT any replacement for this position be hired with the involvement of the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians and that the entire regional economic development program be restructured with the involvement of the Union of Ontario Indians;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the assembled Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians support this resolution that was passed previously at the May 22 & 23, 1986 Southwest Regional Chiefs meeting in Muncney, Ontario, and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we acknowledge that the resolution has been implemented politically by Grand Council Chief with Mr. David Crombie, the Minister of Indian Affairs and the opposition parties, as deem necessary.

MOVED BY: Chief Milton Wawia, Lake Helen  
SECONDED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #8:

**INDIAN FIRST NATIONS - FIRE SERVICES**

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs Regional Fire Officer, Mr. Tom Rutter is approaching retirement and has been in ill health for some time and;

WHEREAS it is important that the Department maintain this position in order that First Nations have a contact and advocate for Fire Services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the event of Mr. Rutter's retirement that this position be maintained at the Regional office and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this position be staffed with a member of a First Nation preferred, with knowledge of First Nation Fire Services, with the involvement of Anishinabek representatives.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Henry Peltier, Wikwemikong  
CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #9:

**FIRST NATION FIRE SERVICES - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, First Nations within the Anishinabek have established volunteer Fire Departments including the construction of facilities, purchase of equipment and the training of fire fighters and;

WHEREAS some First Nations do not receive funding to operate or maintain these facilities or equipment and the approximate cost for the operation and maintenance is \$25,000.00 per year;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a regional budget be established to fully support the costs to operate and maintain First Nation Fire Services for those First Nations who do not participate in the Department of Indian Affairs Maintenance Management System (MMS) and that the MMS formula be in addition to this base budget of \$25,000.00.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Henry Peltier, Wikwemikong

CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie



RESOLUTION #10:

**OJIBWE CULTURAL FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS there is a growing demand in Ontario for Native cultural education, among Native and non-Native communities and;

WHEREAS the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation is currently not receiving the level of funding which it requires to meet the needs of its supporting Reserves and the public and;

WHEREAS there are many other Native communities in Ontario which have expressed a desire to become involved in cultural education, and they are also dealing with the reality of inadequate resources;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Department of Indian Affairs be requested to provide funding for cultural education in Ontario which truly reflects the size of the province and its' population, both for the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation and for others.

MOVED BY: Chief Philip Goulais, Nipissing

SECONDED BY: Chief Norm Aguonie, Sheguiandah

CARRIED: Tuesday, June 3, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #11:

**GRAND COUNCIL CHIEF**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council Chief R. K.  
(Joe) Miskokomon complete his term of office.

MOVED BY: Chief Pat Madahbee, Sucker Creek

SECONDED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #12:

**ORGANIZATIONAL TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS the Chiefs within the Anishinabek Nation have conducted an internal review of the Union of Ontario Indians in order to strengthen its mandate, the bands between its members and to review its relationship to other Indian political and administrative structures and;

WHEREAS the report titled "Union of Ontario Indians Organizational Task Force Report" May, 1986 has been tabled and discussed by the Anishinabek Chiefs and;

WHEREAS a number of amendments and clarifications have been made to the recommendations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs adopt the Organizational Task Force Report and its recommendations, as amended by the Chiefs during the General Assembly, June 2-4, 1986 in Sault Ste. Marie and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians undertake to amend the by-laws and constitution of the Union of Ontario Indians to reflect the changes as contained in the Organizational Task Force Report and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians be directed to provide notice of this assembly to be held during the week of June 16th, 1986, in Thunder Bay, Ontario and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a General Assembly be convened for the specific purpose of ratifying the amended by-laws and constitution;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a new task force with the following regional representatives Aubrey Coppaway, Milton Wawia, Ether Deleary and Leona Nahwegahbow, be struck to address the implementation of these recommendations by November 31, 1986.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing  
CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #13:

**FUNDS TO TRAIN THE BAND REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians are representing their people for self-determination in the Constitution of Canada;

WHEREAS, self-determination means governing your own people in all sectors of government, including Social Services;

WHEREAS, the new Child and Family Services Act allows for Indian Bands in Ontario the right to implement and represent their people in this new act;

WHEREAS, the Indians of Ontario will have the authority to an Indian Child and Family Services on their Bands and representation on Children's Aids Boards of Directors, Residential Placement Advisory Committees and the right to represent their communities in Family Court matters;

WHEREAS, funds are needed to implement these services to the Indian Bands of the Union of Ontario Indians;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Principal Chiefs of the Union of Ontario Indians demand that the Government of Canada supply the necessary funds to train the band representatives under Section 39(1) (4), and to supply the necessary funds to fully implement all services under the new Child and Family Services Act;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada supply the necessary funds immediately to the Bands of the Union of Ontario Indians so that they can begin representing their children and Band members in Family Courts and Social Services.

MOVED BY: Chief Ed Williams, Moose Deer Point  
SECONDED BY: Chief Ed Williams, Chippewas of Rama

CARRIED: Tuesday, June 3, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

**RESOLUTION #14:**

**COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE FISHERIES AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Anishinabek people should enjoy fully their aboriginal and treaty rights to harvest wildlife;

WHEREAS, Anishinabek people themselves should where ever possible enjoy not only a priority in the use of wildlife, but responsibility for the conservation of wildlife;

WHEREAS, full implementation of the Robinson treaties can better be achieved with the co-operation of the Federal and Provincial Governments, than continued litigation over the applicability of the Ontario Fishery Regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians be authorized to carry out the proposed commitment to negotiate a General Agreement on fisheries with the Governments of Canada and Ontario, provided that the General Agreement

1. shall incorporate the principles (a) that Anishinabek harvesting take priority over other uses of wildlife; and (b) that Anishinabek bands be entitled to assume a measure of direct responsibility for wildlife conservation and harvest management through subsidiary agreements;
2. shall ensure each band the financial means of access to independent scientific advice and training in preparation for the negotiation and implementation of subsidiary agreements;
3. shall not prejudice any greater rights which the Anishinabek may have or be entitled to claim under any treaty, law, The Constitution Act 1982, or any subsequent agreement with the Governments of Canada or Ontario;

4. shall not only come into force with respect to any Band unless it has signified its consent to it by Band Council Resolution; and

5. shall be in force for no longer than five years, after which the Anishinabek shall be free to renegotiate or terminate it.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River

SECONDED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

CARRIED: Tuesday, June 3, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

2 Opposed Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
Councillor Arthur Elliot, Chippewas of Nawash

RESOLUTION #15:

**EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR DINE (NAVAJO) PEOPLE OF BIG MOUNTAIN**

WHEREAS several thousand Dine (Navajo) people have been relocated involuntarily from their homes in northern Arizona, and thousands more are to be moved by July 8, 1986, under provisions of the 1974 Act of Congress dividing the Navajo and Hopi Reservations;

WHEREAS the Government of the United States justifies these actions on the pretence that the Navajo and Hopi Tribal Councils cannot agree on any alternative disposition of the land or these people;

WHEREAS the forced removal of any indigenous peoples from their homelands is abhorrent and contrary to international law;

WHEREAS First Nations should support the freedom and self determination of all of the indigenous nations and people of the Americas;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

1. That the Grand Council Chief address an appeal to the President of the United States on behalf of the Anishinabek Nation, urging him to postpone indefinitely any further relocation of Navajo people, and to encourage peaceful resolution of the situation by the Navajo and Hopi people themselves, including provision for the repatriation of all those who were removed previously;

2. That the Grand Council Chief also appeal to the chairmen of the Navajo and Hopi Tribal Councils, in the spirit of unity, to agree on some alternative to further removals with the participation and consent of the Navajo and Hopi communities directly affected;

3. That copies of these letters be directed to the chairpersons of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and to the Prime Minister of Canada.

MOVED BY: Grand Chief Ben Wawia, Lake Helen  
SECONDED BY: Chief John Crowe, Alderville

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie



RESOLUTION #16:

**TREATY CLARIFICATION PROCESS**

WHEREAS the Robinson treaties constitute the original foundation of the relationship between the Anishinabek Nation and the Crown;

WHEREAS many provisions of the Robinson treaties have been neglected by the Governments of Canada and Ontario;

WHEREAS a binding agreement on the scope and nature of the Crown's obligations could restore respect for the Robinson treaties;

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians and Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development have agreed to conduct several community meetings to assess the views of Anishinabek people on an agenda for future discussion and possible clarification;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union is authorized to proceed with community consultations under its May 22, 1986 agreement with the Department, provided that

1. the Union provide the Chiefs with (a) its joint report to the Minister on the community consultation process, and (b) its confidential assessment of the Government's willingness to engage in meaningful and binding negotiations, both by the last day of January 1987; and
2. the Union not make any further agreements or concessions regarding the interpretation or implementation of the Robinson treaties, nor enter into any negotiations, both by the last day of January 1987; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it is the sense of the Grand Council that no negotiations be undertaken without a sufficient written commitment by the Minister to seek legislative entrenchment of any resulting agreement.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River  
SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #17:

**ONTARIO REGIONAL CHIEF**

WHEREAS the mandate of the Ontario Regional Chief includes a responsibility to liaise with the Ontario Confederacy members, political associations of Ontario and the Assembly of First Nations and;

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario have had a growing involvement into areas of the tripartite forum independent of Ontario associations' direction and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Regional Chief has openly and improperly contested certain positions taken by the Anishinabek Nation and;

WHEREAS the foregoing has contributed to confusion and delay in negotiations through inability of Ontario and the federal government to clearly understand the source of the positions tabled by the Anishinabek Nations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT those issues undertaken for negotiation by the Anishinabek Nation are the sole responsibility and jurisdiction of the Anishinabek Nation and;

FURTHER THAT the Regional Chief shall refrain from commenting and participating in those issues in a manner seen to be in conflict or contradictory with those of the Anishinabek Nation.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah

CARRIED: Tuesday, June 3, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #18:

**CHIEFS OF ONTARIO MANDATE**

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario office was solely created to co-ordinate the four Indian associations participation in the National Indian Brotherhood and;

WHEREAS National Indian Brotherhood has been restructured and the Assembly of First Nations has been created and;

WHEREAS the restructuring of the National Indian Brotherhood and the Assembly of First Nations has addressed the desire, by some, that there be greater participation of independent Bands and;

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario has come to be viewed inappropriately by the Federal and Ontario governments as having a recognized political authority for political convenience and;

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario office should more clearly understand its defined mandate in that it does not overlap the jurisdiction of the recognized political authority of the Union of Ontario Indians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) all activities undertaken by the Chiefs of Ontario including policy analysis and distribution of material to bands must be with the prior concurrence and approval of the Union of Ontario Indians;
- b) positions and statements made by the Chiefs of Ontario shall not be in contrast or conflict with those of the Union of Ontario Indians unless prior approval of the Union of Ontario Indians is given in writing.

- c) provided that the foregoing shall not abrogate the implementation of the task force team of the Union of Ontario Indians on examining the Union of Ontario Indians relationship with external organizations and other bodies.

FURTHER THAT this resolution be put forward to the All Ontario Chiefs of Ontario Conference, June, 1986.

MOVED BY: Chief Pat Madahbee, Sucker Creek  
SECONDED BY: Chief Earl Commanda, Serpent River

CARRIED: Tuesday, June 3, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #19:

**INDIAN HOUSING INSPECTION UNIT**

WHEREAS C.M.H.C. is prepared to contract out the R.R.A.P. program to other agencies to provide services to Anishinabek First Nations and;

WHEREAS the Indian Housing Inspection Unit has been approached to provide these services because of the technical services available in the unit and;

WHEREAS the present mandate does not include the ability to enter into agreements with C.M.H.C.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation instruct that the mandate of the Indian Housing Inspection Unit be expanded to permit the negotiation of agreements with C.M.H.C. which will provide services to Indian First Nations through the Indian Housing Inspection Unit.

MOVED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Sucker Creek  
SECONDED BY: Chief Goldwyn Tabobondung, Parry Island

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

5 Opposed

RESOLUTION #20

**NATIONAL INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS the National Indian Housing Council was established and is operating without the involvement of Anishinabek First Nations and;

WHEREAS the National Indian Housing Council is operating independently of the Assembly of First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the A.F.N. should review the structure and representation of the Executive and membership of the N.I.H.C. and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all funding made available to N.I.H.C. for consultation and the consolidation process must be administered by the A.F.N.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga

SECONDED BY: Chief Larry Naponse, Whitefish Lake

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #21:

**INDIAN HOUSING LABOUR COSTS**

WHEREAS funding has not been identified for labour in relation to Indian Housing construction for this fiscal year and;

WHEREAS neither INAC or CEIC have indicated plans to provide such funding and;

WHEREAS such funding is now critical in view of the increasing demand for housing as a result of the changes in Band membership and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians executive coordinate and implement a lobby on behalf of all Anishinabek First Nations to secure funding for housing construction this fiscal year and generate funding in subsequent years.

MOVED BY: Chief Leona Nahwegahbow, Whitefish River  
SECONDED BY: Chief Harvey Trudeau, Spanish River

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #22:

**NATIONAL INDIAN HOUSING PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation are at the verge of seeking Cabinet approval to transfer the complete Housing Program for Indian Communities from CMHC to Indian Affairs control by September 1986 and;

WHEREAS I.N.A.C. is not capable of handling and administering this program without an increase in skilled staff in the area of housing and;

WHEREAS I.N.A.C. is obligated to down size its staff person years to access Indian Self-Government for First Nations and;

WHEREAS the Anishinabek have not been consulted on the proposed changes to on-reserve housing programs which will affect the current subsidy housing programs and force Bands into a loan repayment scheme for housing on reserve and;

WHEREAS some communities do not have the capability to do this;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I.N.A.C./C.M.H.C. must not seek Cabinet approval until consultation takes place with Anishinabek First Nations and must provide adequate funding to the Anishinabek for a proper feasibility study in regard to the consolidation process and provide alternatives for other Indian Institutes to handle this program.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah  
SECONDED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Sucker Creek

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie



RESOLUTION #23:

**INDIAN HOUSING INSPECTION UNIT**

WHEREAS the Indian Housing Inspection Unit has had difficulty in hiring qualified staff for the Northern Communities and;

WHEREAS the Unit only has sixteen (16) qualified Inspectors to draw from and;

WHEREAS the present qualified inspectors that live in the South are reluctant to relocate to the North because of a language barrier;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development provide sufficient funding to train more qualified inspectors for Housing in Ontario.

MOVED BY: Chief Goldwyn Tabobondung, Parry Island

SECONDED BY: Chief Shirley Ashawasega, Henvey Inlet

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

2 Abstentions

RESOLUTION #24:

**DISCLOSURE OF ADOPTION RECORDS**

WHEREAS Indian Children throughout Ontario have been adopted by non-Indian parents through the court system and;

WHEREAS these children often have no information regarding their heritage or their rights as Indian people since this information is not provided at the time of adoption;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation request the Minister of Indian Affairs to establish a system of adoption record disclosure in consultation with Indian people throughout Canada in order to advise these children and their adoptive families of their Indian status.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Vern Roote, Chippewas of Saugeen

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #25:

**FUNDING OF NNADAP PROJECTS**

WHEREAS there are insufficient resources to fund all requests for NNADAP projects throughout Ontario and;

WHEREAS communities throughout the Anishinabek Nation are facing problems within those communities related to the abuse of alcohol, drugs and other substances and;

WHEREAS First Nations without NNADAP projects have no resources with which to address these problems;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the budget approval process for 1986/87, that Mr. Larry McCafferty, the Regional Director of Medical Services Branch give priority to the funding of new projects and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a process be established to enable First Nations to conduct program audits every three (3) years to ensure that the objectives and activities of existing projects continue to be relevant to the membership of those First Nations.

MOVED BY: Chief Patrick Madahbee, Sucker Creek  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #26:

**DESIGNATION OF INDIAN AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS the Child and Family Services Act gives authority to the Ministry of Community and Social Services to designate who is a native person or a Native community within the meaning of Part X Indian and Native Services of The Child & Family Services Act;

WHEREAS amendments to the Indian Act through the introduction of Bill C-31 has created recognized rights afforded to reinstated Indians and;

WHEREAS many of these reinstated Indians are residing off reserve in rural and urban settings which are and should be recognized as Indian communities and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Child & Family Services Act recognize Native communities which are not presently being considered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and that a full consultation process be instituted with Native representatives immediately so that Indian children off reserve are assured the same protection afforded to Indian children on reserves.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #27:

**FUNDING ANISHINABEK JUSTICE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation have consistently reinforced the Federal Trust Responsibility in any and all dealings for safety of Indians and lands reserved for Indians and;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has set a precedent of direct funding to the Amerindian Police Force in Quebec whereby the Province of Quebec has no direct dealings with Bands and;

WHEREAS the Royal Proclamation of 1763 clearly recognizes the formation of Indian reserves prior to the recognition of the Provincial Crown and therefore provincial authority does not confer jurisdictional responsibilities to federally recognized Bands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate the Tripartite Intergovernmental Affairs program to treat the furthering of the Anishinabek Justice Authority as a priority of the Tripartite Program and;

FURTHER that funding for this initiative shall be obtained from Federal funding sources and will only be placed in the Tripartite area failing direct 100% funding from the Federal Government.

MOVED BY: Chief Roger Jones, Shawanaga  
SECONDED BY: Chief Lloyd Noganosh, Magnetawan

CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #28:

**MANDATE FOR REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS**

WHEREAS there exists within Ontario other interests that impede the progress of the Union of Ontario Indians negotiations because other political organizations and/or independent bands who are not in a position to commence negotiations to further their particular interests and;

WHEREAS a clear mandate must be acknowledged by the Anishinabek Assembly regarding the method of negotiations and the issues which are as follows but not limited to;

Social Services, Education, Health, Child Welfare, Fiscal Relations, Lands & Resource Development, Hunting & Fishing, Policing, Administration of Justice, Treaty Clarification, Cemeteries Act and Taxation - Tobacco and Gasoline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we clearly mandate the Union of Ontario Indians to commence negotiations, independent of other Indian political organizations in Ontario to further our principles and aims through regional negotiations.

MOVED BY: Chief Norman Aguonie, Sheguiandah  
SECONDED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing

CARRIED: Monday, June 2, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #29:

**CUSTOMARY CARE**

WHEREAS Indian communities have a traditional system of protecting their children by placing children who have experienced problems within their immediate family with a member of the extended family or with another capable and caring family in the community and;

WHEREAS The Child and Family Services Act recognizes custom care within Indian communities but has limited the interpretation of "custom care" to only the child's extended family unless there are substantial reasons for placing the child elsewhere;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation unequivocally state that no reason will be accepted to place Indian children outside of Indian communities without the direct and written consent of the affected child/children's Band and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any family which has accepted the responsibility for care of a child/children under a customary care arrangement be provided with the same financial compensation as a foster child, under the protection of or ward of the Children's Aid Society.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

SECONDED BY: Chief Ed Williams, Moose Deer Point

CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie

RESOLUTION #30:

**FUNDING TO ESTABLISH & OPERATE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE  
AUTHORITIES**

WHEREAS The Child and Family Services Act makes provision for the establishment of Indian Child Welfare Authorities which would manage welfare matters in designated Indian and Native communities and;

WHEREAS the development of such authorities will involve such activities as needs statements, the determination of goals, objectives, activities, policies, procedures, staffing, determining budget requirements, establishing and training of management boards etc;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT funding be made available for planning processes to establish, operate and maintain Indian Child Welfare Authorities and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT new funds be identified through the federal government, specifically the Department of Indian Affairs, to resource this initiative and;

FURTHER THAT this issue not be included in discussions on the negotiation of the 1965 Welfare Agreement.

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Vern Roote, Chippewas of Saugeen  
CARRIED: Wednesday, June 4, 1986, Sault Ste. Marie



RESOLUTION #31:

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING**

WHEREAS the Chiefs and Delegates of the Anishinabek General Assembly in May 1985 provided a mandate for the development of a Task Group to consider the future development of an accredited core curriculum and specialized training for community health workers and;

WHEREAS since May 1985, the working group has met 7 times, conducted consultation with existing Band health workers and Bands who are seeking new health programs; and has summarized this information to determine the format and content of such a course and;

WHEREAS 14 educational institutions were invited to make presentations to the working group in order that the group could assess the experiences and capabilities of these institutions in offering a new health course for our workers, and based on these presentations a short list of 4 institutions was created;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anishinabek Grand Council continue to give the working group support for the development of the Community Health Workers course and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the working group be authorized to select the appropriate institution to deliver this course based on specific criteria and the proposals prepared by the 4 institutions.

DATE June 4, 1986

CARRIED TABLED DEFEATED

MOVED BY: Chief Ed Williams, Rama  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Allan Towegishig, Long Lac #58

**RESOLUTION #32:**

**ENRICHMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE (CHR) PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS Chiefs and their Councils throughout the Anishinabek Nation have expressed concern with the lack of funding from MSB to enrich existing programs in such budget items as salaries, benefits and program support and;

WHEREAS there are a number of communities throughout the Anishinabek Nation which have been unable to access this program because no new funds have been identified by the Medical Services Branch and therefore are unable to offer any health services to their membership and;

WHEREAS the Union of Ontario Indians Health Program has been working with CHRs throughout the organization and the health program of the AFN to develop a national position paper on the enrichment and expansion of the CHR program and;

WHEREAS this issue will be addressed at the National CHR Conference in June 23-27, 1986 in Calgary, Alberta;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Committee for the Assembly of First Nations meeting in August, 1986 consider this issue as an agenda item for the upcoming Assembly.

Dated June 4, 1986

CARRIED DEFEATED TABLED WITHDRAWN

MOVE BY: Chief Cliff Meness, Golden Lake  
SECONDED BY: Chief Milton Wawia, Lake Helen

RESOLUTION #33:

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE**

WHEREAS the Health Program of the Union of Ontario Indians has tabled a summary of the Ad Hoc Committees Report for the All Ontario Chiefs Conference in Thunder Bay, June 17-19, 1986; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs will be asked to make political decisions on the future structure for decision-making in Ontario; and

WHEREAS each First Nation of the Anishinabek will want input to these decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Delegates of the Anishinabek Nation nominate Chief \_\_\_\_\_ and Chief \_\_\_\_\_ to be the spokespersons for the Anishinabek for the All Ontario Chiefs Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each Council will communicate their position on the options in the Ad Hoc Committees document to staff members Alan W. Roy and Elaine Bomberly at the Union of Ontario Indians Health Program before June 12, 1986; and

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians Health Program will summarize those positions for the Spokespersons nominated and will assist them in the development of an Anishinabek Position.

Dated June 4, 1986

CARRIED DEFEATED TABLED WITHDRAWN

MOVED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Max Assinewai, Sheguiandah

RESOLUTION #34:

**M.S.B. TRANSFER INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS the Department of Health and Welfare, Medical Services Branch has developed a health services transfer initiative which allows Bands to adopt either a total, partial or phased takeover of health services management and this report was sent to all Chiefs in April 1986, by the Minister of Health and Welfare, Jake Epp and;

WHEREAS there are Bands within the Anishinabek Nation which may wish to explore or investigate the ideas and concepts within the M.S.B. Transfer Initiative report and;

WHEREAS the Anishinabek recognize and respect the right of each First Nation to determine the actions that are best for its membership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff of the UOI Health Program be made available to meet with Bands or Group of Bands, who request this service, to explain this M.S.B. initiative and its implications and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bands, or Groups of Bands, provide comments to UOI Health on the M.S.B. Transfer Initiative in order that the Union of Ontario Indians can prepare an organizational response to this government paper.

Dated June 4, 1986

CARRIED DEFEATED TABLED WITHDRAWN

MOVED BY: Chief Phil Goulais, Nipissing

SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash

RESOLUTION #35:

**PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR BAND EMPLOYEES - POLICIES**

WHEREAS the issues and situations covered by the Child and Family Services Act are often very personal in nature and the Act has stringent regulations regarding the disclosure of case information which is considered confidential and;

WHEREAS the personal nature of these cases could create situations for Band employees or their agents in which legal suits could be brought against Band employees or agents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Bands be encouraged to develop or amend Band confidentiality policies to include Band staff or their agents who are involved in activities under The Child and Family Services Act and;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT once these confidentiality policies are established that they be recognized by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the various Children's Aid Societies in order that these agencies provide full disclosure of case information to Band employees or their agents prior, during and after any court hearing and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation investigate the feasibility of establishing personal liability insurance for individual Band employees or agents or the feasibility of establishing a joint policy for all employees or agents involved in work under or related to The Family and Child Services Act.

Dated June 3, 1986

CARRIED TABLED DEFEATED WITHDRAWN

MOVED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash  
SECONDED BY: Chief Vern Roote, Chippewas of Saugeen

RESOLUTION #36:

**TAXATION**

WHEREAS the Kamloops Band is pursuing amendments to Section 2, 73, 81, 85 and 87 of the Indian Act which would provide the Band with By-Law powers to collect and levy taxes on conditionally surrendered lands and;

WHEREAS the Anishinabek Nation has been asked to support such amendments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Anishinabek Nation supports greater Band control over reserve and surrendered lands in all respects, including taxation.
2. Municipalities and provinces should not be able to tax non-Indians on Indian lands but should negotiate with Bands for payment for any services actually provided.
3. The Anishinabek Nation reserves the right to formally review the actual wording of any amendments to be submitted to Parliament.

Dated June 4, 1986

CARRIED DEFEATED TABLED WITHDRAWN

MOVED BY: Chief Vern Roote, Chippewas of Saugeen  
SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash