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CHIEF AGNES STONE, MICHIPICOTEN
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CHIEF EDWARD WILLIAMS, MOOSE DEER POINT
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CHIEF PHILIP GOULAIS, NIPISSING
CHIEF AIME BOUCHARD, PAYS PLAT
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CHIEF ELIZABETH LAFORD, SHESHEGWANING
CHIEF HARVEY TRUDEAU, SPANISH RIVER
CHIEF PATRICK MADAHBEE, SUCKER CREEK
CHIEF ALFRED BISAILLON, THESSALON
CHIEF NORMAN RECOLLET, WAHNAPIITAE
CHIEF JOHN RICE, WASAUKSING
CHIEF STEWART ROY, WEST BAY
CHIEF LARRY NAPONSE, WHITEFISH LAKE

CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER
CHIEF ALPHONSE SHAWANA, WIKWEMIKONG
UNCEDED
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DOUG BENOIT, GOLDEN LAKE
HOWARD PAMAJEWON, SHAWANAGA

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FLORA TABOBONDUNG, ROBINSON-HURON
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COUNCIL
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ERNIE WILLIAMS, MOOSE DEER POINT
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COUNCILS IN MANITOULIN
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MANITOULIN
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LINDA PETAHTEGOOSE, WHITEFISH LAKE
JOYCE TABOBONDUNG, WASAUKSING
LORNEY BOB, WHITEFISH LAKE
ROY WESLEY, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN
WALLY TABOBONDUNG, WASAUKSING
TOM BRESSETTE, KETTLE & STONY POINT
PENNY CROWE, ALDERVILLE
DARRELL BOISSONEAU, NORTH SHORE TRIBAL
COUNCIL
GERTRUDE LEWIS, SERPENT RIVER
MAYNARD GEORGE, KETTLE & STONY POINT
SIDNEY NADJIWON, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH
PAUL ESHKAKOGON, SPANISH RIVER
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ELLEN SYLVESTER
RECORDER - DARLENE ROOTE

RESOLUTION # 1: AGENDA

THAT the Agenda for the Special Chiefs' Assembly, October 18 - 19, 1989, be accepted as amended.

MOVED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGREEN
SECONDED BY: CHIEF HARVEY TRUDEAU, SPANISH RIVER

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 2: HEAD OFFICE LOCATION

WHEREAS Resolution #5 passed at the Special Chiefs' meeting held in Quebec City in July 1989 gave the Executive of the Union of Ontario Indians the authority to make recommendations with regard to office accommodations; and

WHEREAS the Head Office Location Committee has met and considered the proposals which met the criteria for submission; and

WHEREAS the main concerns affecting the choice for office location are finances, program/service delivery and the political advocacy role of the Union of Ontario Indians.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Head Office of the Union of Ontario Indians be located at Nipissing First Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Union of Ontario Indians be given the authority to purchase office accommodations in the City of Toronto.

MOVED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN
SECONDED BY: CHIEF PATRICK MADAHBEE, SUCKER CREEK

CARRIED.

A Poll was taken to proceed with Elections:

27 - IN FAVOUR
3 - AGAINST
NO ABSENTIONS

CANDIDATES NOMINATED:

JOSEPH HARE NOMINATED BY CHIEF EARL COMMANDA,
SERPENT RIVER
SECONDED BY CHIEF ALPHONSE SHAWANA,
WIKWEMIKONG UNCEDED

ACCEPTED.

JOYCE TABOBONDUNG NOMINATED BY CHIEF VERNON ROOTE,
CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN
SECONDED BY CHIEF ROD MONAGUE,
BEAUSOLEIL

ACCEPTED.

IRVIN GEORGE NOMINATED BY CHIEF YVONNE BRESSETTE,
KETTLE & STONY POINT
SECONDED BY CHIEF DELBERT RILEY,
CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES

ACCEPTED.

RESOLUTION # 3: NOMINATIONS CLOSED

THAT the nominations for Executive Vice
President/Deputy Grand Council Chief be
closed.

MOVED BY: CHIEF EDWARD WILLIAMS, MOOSE DEER POINT
SECONDED BY: ELDER HARRY MISKOKOMON, CHIPPEWAS OF THE
 THAMES

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 4: NATIVE COMMUNITY BRANCH

WHEREAS the Native Community Branch (NCB) of the Ministry of Citizenship assists Native communities and organizations in their efforts to encourage Native self-reliance and participation in the social, economic, and cultural life of the Province; and

WHEREAS the programs are important to the future well being of the Native communities; and

WHEREAS at present, discussions are being held within the government on the extension of the Northern Native Small Business (NNSB) and the Northern Native Business Internship (NNIB) Programs that receive funding through the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines; and

WHEREAS First Nations have been requesting the transfer of these programs to Native control; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs have instituted the creation of the Robinson-Huron Economic Development Council and two development corporations -- Waubetek Business Development Corporation and Mamaweswen Tribal Council Business Centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians to lobby the Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Minister of Citizen for the extension of the NNSB and NNBI programs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Union of Ontario Indians, in co-operation with the Northern Development Councils and Business Corporations impacted by these programs, to be involved in their discussions with the Native Community Branch for the transfer of control of these programs from NCB to include these respective Development Corporations.

MOVED BY: CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER
SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 5: HEALTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS Resolutions #14 passed at the 1988 Grand Council accepted the "Proposal for the Establishment of a Health Commission" and mandated the further development of this Commission based on the receipt of actual First Nation Resolutions of support; and

WHEREAS on the basis of the Resolution, discussions were initiated with Medical Services Branch to establish the financing and other arrangements for the Commission; and

WHEREAS these discussions with Medical Services Branch were held in the period July to November 1988 and were unsatisfactory and unproductive; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek continue to support the concept of an Anishinabek Health Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate the Steering Committee and the Union of Ontario Indians to reinitiate discussions with Medical Services Branch to seek agreement on a phased approach to implementing the Commission which would recognize the right of First Nations to reconsider their involvement in the future due to transfer initiatives; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a status report on these discussions be presented at the next Anishinabek Grand Council.

MOVED BY: **CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, WHITEFISH RIVER**
SECONDED BY: **CHIEF NORA BOTHWELL, ALDERVILLE**

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 6: FAMILY VIOLENCE

WHEREAS 1989 Grand Council Resolution #28, dealing with the Family Violence Initiative, is limited in scope to training for First Nations Constables; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs-in-Assembly recognize the efforts of the First Nations, Tribal Councils and various groups to address the issue of Family Violence as it effects them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek expand the mandate given in Resolution #28 to include the training for First Nations Constables as part of the comprehensive discussions on Family Violence within Anishinabek First Nations; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT these discussions shall not preclude any First Nation or Tribal Council from discussing or implementing individual or collective Family Violence initiatives through liaison with any government or agency; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT any family violence initiatives which result from tripartite discussions will be designed and delivered under the direction of the Union of Ontario Indians and/or its membership.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF ALPHONSE SHAWANA, WIKWEMIKONG UNCEDED
SECONDED BY: CHIEF EARL COMMANDA, SERPENT RIVER**

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 7: POTTAWATOMI CULTURAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS the Pottawatomi Cultural Council is a federally incorporated charitable organization established to protect and promote Pottawatomi culture, history and heritage; and

WHEREAS these services provide a benefit to Pottawatomi people that cannot be acquired elsewhere.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians support the activities of the Pottawatomi Cultural Council; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT we support the Pottawatomi Cultural Council in its efforts to secure funding that may be available to support its activities.

MOVED BY: **CHIEF ALPHONSE SHAWANA, WIKWEMIKONG UNCEDED**
SECONDED BY: **CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH**

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION # 8: KEEWATINOSAGIGANING POTTAWATOMI
NATION TREATY ENTITLEMENT CLAIM**

WHEREAS the Keewatinosagiganing
Pottawatomi Nation is an Indigenous North
American Nation; and

WHEREAS the Pottawatomi Nation in Canada
has a treaty relationship with the Crown;
and

WHEREAS the Pottawatomi Nation has twelve
treaties with the United States
Government which have never been
honoured.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario
Indians, recognize the
Keewatinosagiganing Pottawatomi Nation as
an Indigenous North American Nation
formerly resident in what is now the
United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we support
the Pottawatomi Nation Treaty Entitlement
Claim against the United States
Government; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT we direct the
Government of Canada to assist and
support the Pottawatomi Nation in its
activities to resolve their treaty
entitlement claim.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT each First
Nation agreeing with this resolution will
write a letter of support or pass a
resolution of support for the Pottawatomi
Nation.

MOVED BY: **CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN**
SECONDED BY: **CHIEF ROD MONAGUE, BEAUSOLEIL**

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 9: CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH

WHEREAS the Chippewas of Nawash and other First Nations among the Anishinabek have come into legal conflict with the fishing quota system imposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS the fishing quota system has proven itself totally inadequate and ineffective, thereby resulting in financial and legal hardship to the First Nation communities involved; and

WHEREAS a master fishing agreement process which would address each First Nation's fishing circumstances has long been abandoned.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek call upon the Ministry of Natural Resources to review the fishing quota system in consultation with Anishinabek First Nations concerned; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Union of Ontario Indians act as a facilitator between the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, along with other Anishinabek First Nations, on the fishing quota system and thereby begin concrete negotiations to resolve this outstanding issue.

MOVED BY: CHIEF RALPH AKIWENZIE, CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH
SECONDED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN

CARRIED.

ELECTION RESULTS:

JOE HARE	22
JOYCE TABOBONDUNG	10
IRVIN GEORGE	9

JOSEPH HARE ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT/DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF

RESOLUTION #10: DESTROY BALLOTS

THAT the Ballots for the election of Vice-President be destroyed.

MOVED BY: CHIEF MOSES KOWTIASH, ROCKY BAY
SECONDED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, CHIPPEWAS OF SAUGEEN

CARRIED.

MOTION REGARDING MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

THAT the Chiefs of the Anishinabek support the continued or future management of medical transportation by First Nations whenever appropriate.

THAT the Union of Ontario Indians has conducted a medical transportation study which has illustrated models developed principles and cost variables.

THEREFORE the Chiefs of the Anishinabek mandate an Ad Hoc Committee made up of Chief Patrick Madahbee, Sucker Creek; Chief Alphonse Shawana, Wikwemikong Unceded; Chief Yvonne Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point; Chief Ralph Akiwenzie, Chippewas of Nawash and Chief Marlow Wesley, Long Lake #58 to meet with MSB Officials to establish general guidelines for medical transportation in future.

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

RESOLUTION #11: CHARGES AGAINST STUDENTS

WHEREAS Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has insisted in laying charges against the students who occupied their Thunder Bay office in May 1989 despite a request by the Crown Attorney that these charges be dropped; and

WHEREAS the Chiefs of the Anishinabek adamantly oppose this malicious action against these Indian students who were protesting the erosion of their right to post-secondary education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chiefs-in-Assembly demand that Indian Affairs cease this legal action, forewith, against these students.

MOVED BY: CHIEF PATRICK MADAHBEE, SUCKER CREEK
SECONDED BY: CHIEF HARVEY TRUDEAU, SPANISH RIVER

CARRIED.