

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/01**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1997 GRAND  
COUNCIL AGENDA**

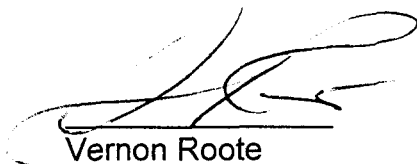
**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Glen Hare**  
West Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly have reviewed the draft agenda:

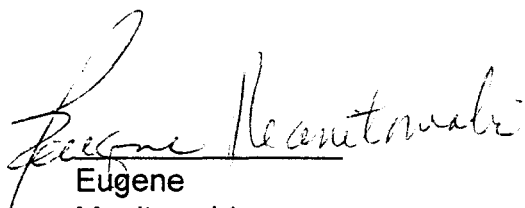
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda for the Anishinabek Grand Council 1997, held at Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation May 27, 28, 29, 1997, be accepted as presented.

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Roy**  
**Michano,**  
Ojibways of Pic  
River First Nation

**CONSENSUS**



**Vernon Roote**  
**Grand Council**  
**Chief**



**Eugene**  
**Manitowabi**  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/02**

**SUBJECT: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1997**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Bill McCue,**  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island


**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31st, 1997 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc.; and,

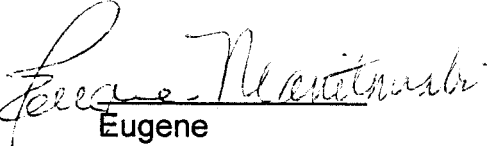
**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Harvey**  
**Petahtegoose,**  
Whitefish Lake  
First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council do hereby approve the principles of the auditor's review of the March 31st, 1997 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. in principle.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that final acceptance will be sought later in the Assembly contingent on Chiefs questions being accommodated.

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/03**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF POPLAR POINT FIRST  
NATION**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Mike**  
**Esquega, Rocky**  
**Bay First Nation**

**WHEREAS** the members of the Poplar Point First Nation have lived in the Robinson-Superior area prior to contact; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Bill McCue**  
**Chippewas of**  
**Georgina Island**  
**First Nation**


**WHEREAS** members of Poplar Point First Nation have provided information on the history of their community and their location and were supported in their efforts by Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly at the 1996 Grand Council; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation is open to membership to all Anishinabek communities demonstrating their history and membership for approval of the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Grand Council welcome the membership of the Poplar Point Lodge First Nation

  
Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council**  
**Chief**

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand**  
**Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/04**

**SUBJECT: CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND  
COUNCIL CHIEF**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Chief Bill  
McCue**  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island

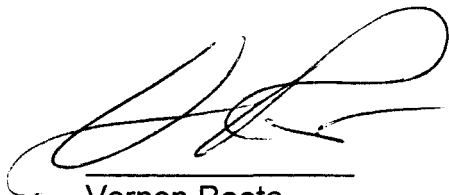
**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has called three times for nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief; and,

**WHEREAS** there were no further nominations made;

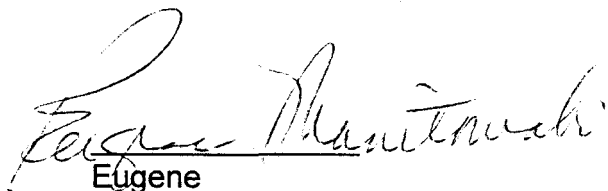
**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Roy  
Michano,**  
Ojibways of Pic  
River

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominations for the position of Grand Council Chief be closed.

**CONSENSUS**



Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/05**

**SUBJECT: CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY  
GRAND CHIEF**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Mike  
Esquega**  
Rocky Bay First  
Nation

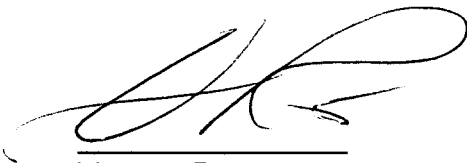
**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has called three times for nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Chief; and,

**WHEREAS** there were no further nominations made;

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Glen Hare,**  
West Bay First  
Nation

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the nominations for the position of Deputy Grand Chief be closed.

**CONSENSUS**



Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/06**

**SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Joe**  
**Miskokomon,**  
Chippewas of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation held elections for the Grand Council Chief and Deputy Grand Chief according to the accepted rules and procedures of the Anishinabek Grand Council; and,

**WHEREAS** Vernon Roote has been declared the Grand Council Chief; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Mike**  
**Esquega,**  
Rocky Bay First  
Nation

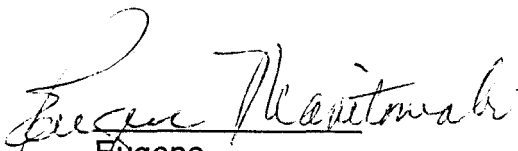
**WHEREAS** Eugene Manitowabi has been declared the Deputy Grand Chief,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly close the election procedures and order that the ballots be destroyed.

**CONSENSUS**



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/07**

**SUBJECT: ANISHINAABE KENDAASWIN PUBLISHING**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Joe  
Miskokomon,**  
Chippewas of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS** Anishinaabe Kendaaswin Publishing is an initiative of the Union of Ontario Indians; and,

**WHEREAS** this non-profit enterprise has been in existence for the past four years; and,

**WHEREAS** the mandate of the service is for the development and production of the Anishinaabe language and culturally relevant education materials; and,


**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Diane  
Abottossaway,**  
Ojibways of  
Sucker Creek First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** the member First Nations of the Anishinabek have supported this endeavor in the broader control of Anishinaabe education; and,


**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** the Anishinaabe Kendaaswin Publishing requires long-term funding commitment from Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to continue to develop and produce culturally relevant educational materials; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly continue to support the efforts of Anishinaabe Kendaaswin Publishing; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs direct the Union of Ontario Indians to pursue a long term funding commitment from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in the amount of \$2.7 million (two point seven million dollars dispersed over five years).

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
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**RESOLUTION # 97/08**

**SUBJECT: Audited Financial Statements 1997**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Bill McCue,**  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island

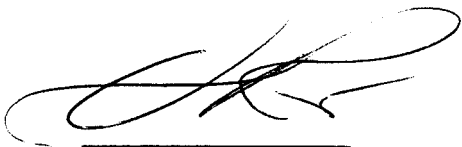
**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended for approval, the March 31st, 1997 audited financial statements for the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc.; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Angus**  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek

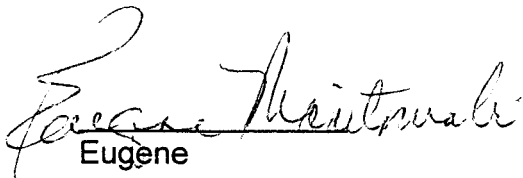
**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

**CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Grand Council do hereby approve the March 31st, 1997 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. as presented.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief



**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/09**

**SUBJECT: AUDIT SERVICES**

**MOVED BY:**

**Chief Tom  
Bressette,**  
Chippewas of  
Kettle and Stony  
Point First Nation

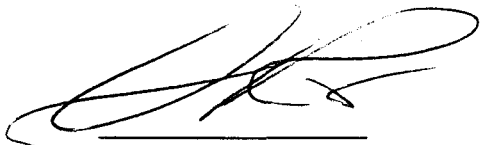
**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Finance Committee have recommended the firm of Doane Raymond for the provision of audit services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

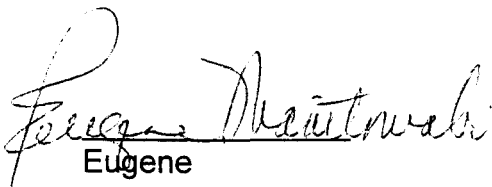
**Chief Ray Rogers**  
Chippewas of  
Sarnia First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Union of Ontario Indians Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly approve that the services of the firm Doane Raymond be secured to prepare the March 31, 1998 audited financial statements of the Union of Ontario Indians, the Union of Ontario Indians Development Fund Inc. and the Anishinabek Nation Management Services Inc.



Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief



Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief

**ANISHINABEK NATION GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/10**

**SUBJECT: USA FISHING CHARGES / HARVEY A. TRUDEAU / SAGAMOK ANISHINAWBEK**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Angus  
Toulouse,  
Sagamok  
Anishnawbek**

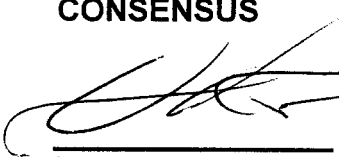
**WHEREAS,** the Chippewa, Odawa, Potowattomi and Ojibway -- the Anishinabek traded, traveled, co-habitated since time immemorial, and most certainly prior to the creation of the Canada/USA international border; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Leroy  
Dolson,  
Munsee-Delaware  
Nation**

**WHEREAS,** the Ojibways of the Sagamok Anishnawbek are descendants of Nomassin, Naquagoboe, the Chiefs of Sagamok Anishnawbek at the time of signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty.

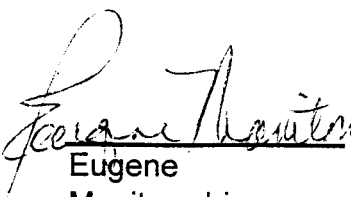
**WHEREAS,** the Robinson Huron Treaty signed by the British Crown and the Chiefs of the north shore of Lake Huron from around there agreed that they "shall be permitted to hunt and fish as they have therefore been in the habit of doing".

**CONSENSUS**

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** the Great Lakes and its tributaries and the use thereof, were never ceded by the Ojibway, Odawa, Pottawatomi and Chippewa who comprise the Anishinabek through treaty or any other kind of agreement; and,

**WHEREAS,** Harvey A. Trudeau (Wasageshik) is a member of the Sagamok Anishnawbek of the Robinson Huron Treaty 1850; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Chief

**WHEREAS,** the Sagamok Anishnawbek and the descendants of the signatories of the Robinson Huron Treaty that we have the right to harvest all species of fish for our use and benefit; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Harvey Trudeau was charged in the United States of America (USA), by a Grand Jury in violation of sixteen USC S3372(d); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly of the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council, hereby determined that those charges are in violation of the Aboriginal and Treaty rights of Harvey Trudeau and Anishnawbek of the Robinson Huron Treaty;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chiefs in Assembly of the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council condemn the motions of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) of USA to incarcerate a North American in the implementation and practise of his Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs in Assembly support and commend Harvey Trudeau in struggle for justice and the recognition of Aboriginal and Treaty rights in North America; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs in Assembly commit to initiate activity for the generation of revenue to assist in litigation.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/11**

**SUBJECT: FIRST NATIONS' MASTERS OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Joe**  
**Miskokomon**  
Chippewas of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS** the Anishinabek Nation has supported education endeavors by First Nations for the betterment of all First Nations people; and,

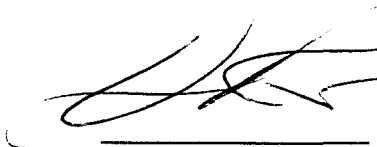
**SECONDED BY:**  
**Elder Merle**  
**Assance-Beadie**  
Southeast Region

**WHEREAS** there is a serious need to create opportunities for our people to become more involved in commerce at the corporate level; and,

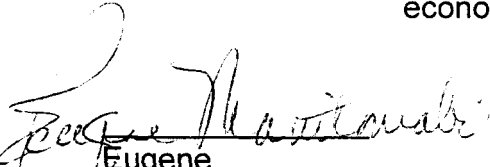
**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** there is an opportunity to influence the method in which corporate Canada deals with First Nation development; and,

**WHEREAS** First Nations must develop the means to work toward economic self-sufficiency through a formal education program.

  
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Vernon Rote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation declare that within two years the Union of Ontario Indians undertake as a primary goal to develop a Masters of Business Administration degree program that has a significant focus on developing First Nations economies as part of the global economy.

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/12**

**SUBJECT: CASINO RAMA - REAFFIRMATION OF  
REVENUE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA**

**MOVED BY:**

**Chief Tom  
Bressette,**  
Chippewas of  
Kettle and Stony  
Point First Nation

**WHEREAS,** in June 1996, at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference, a Declaration was passed by consensus, that the Net Gaming Revenue from Casino Rama be divided as 35% to the Mnjikaning (Rama) First Nation and 65% to all other First Nation's in Ontario; and,

**SECONDED BY:**

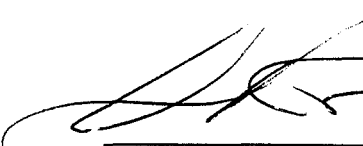
**Chief Bill McCue**  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island  
First Nation

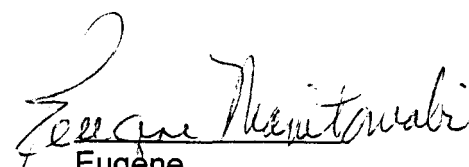
**WHEREAS,** it is advisable to the First Nation's in Ontario that the Mnjikaning First Nation retain its 35% primarily for Capital Development to develop a competitive advantage, which in turn will increase the total Net Profit to all Ontario First Nations; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS,** the Anishinabek continue to support Mnjikaning First Nation's position on the 35%;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Union of Ontario Indians reaffirms its commitment to honour the Net Gaming Revenue Distribution Formula approved at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference, whereby the First Nations in Ontario receive 65% and the Mnjikaning First Nation receives 35%.

  
Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/13**

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHWEST  
REGIONAL SATELLITE OFFICE**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Joe  
Miskokomon,**  
Chippewas of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS** satellite offices have been established in the  
Robinson-Superior and Southeast regions of the  
Anishinabek territory; and,

**WHEREAS** the head office of the Anishinabek is located  
within the Robinson-Huron region; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Mike  
Esquega**  
Rocky Bay First  
Nation

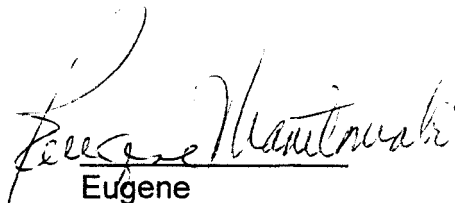
**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of the Southwest region require a  
facility which can be readily accessed and available to  
Chiefs, Councillors, and community members;

**CONSENSUS**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the  
Anishinabek Nation direct the Union of Ontario Indians to  
establish a satellite office in the southwest region.



**Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief**



**Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/14**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR KETTLE & STONY POINT  
HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Tom  
Bressette**  
Chippewas of  
Kettle and Stony  
Point

**WHEREAS** Fred Bressette, Arnold Bressette and Carl Wilde of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation have hunted during the winter months to feed their families including Elders, disabled family members and children; and,

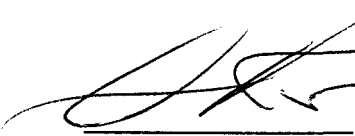
**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Mike  
Esquega**  
Rocky Bay First  
Nation

**WHEREAS** these hunters were charged by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on October 31, 1996 while practicing their rights to harvest for subsistence purposes and were held at gun point; and,

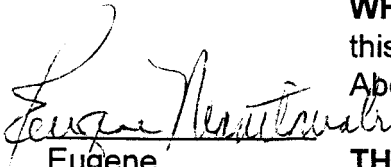
**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** similar attempts have been made across Ontario to limit Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Anishinabek, most notably the Operation Rainbow case in Manitoulin Island; and,

**WHEREAS** the MNR has not clarified the legal status of the Interim Enforcement Policy; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
**Grand Council  
Chief**

**WHEREAS** the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point did not surrender the right to hunt and fish when they signed the Amherstburg Treaty of 1827; and,

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
**Deputy Grand  
Council Chief**

**WHEREAS** the hunters believe that the MNR will continue this harassment and systemic encroachment of their Aboriginal and Treaty rights to hunt in this region.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs of the Anishinabek Nation hereby support the defense of the rights of the harvesters from Kettle and Stony Point First Nation; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chiefs condemn the actions of the Conservation Officers and policies of the MNR in this case.

**ANISHINABEK GRAND COUNCIL  
Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation  
MAY 27 - 29, 1997**

**RESOLUTION # 97/15**

**SUBJECT: CALL FOR INQUIRY AT IPPERWASH  
REAFFIRMED**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Ray Rogers**  
Chippewas of  
Sarnia

**WHEREAS** on Sept. 6, 1995, Dudley George, a member of the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point was shot and killed by the Ontario Provincial Police; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Bill McCue**  
Chippewas of  
Georgina Island

**WHEREAS** a Provincial Judge has convicted an OPP Sgt. for criminal negligence in killing Dudley George, stating that the OPP lied about their actions; and,

**CONSENSUS**

**WHEREAS** it has become even clearer during the last six months that the government of Ontario, including the office of the Premier Mike Harris was involved in the decision to confront the people at Camp Ipperwash; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly reaffirm their demand that the Ontario Government call for an inquiry and allow the truth of the Ipperwash conflict be told to the people of Canada; and,

  
Vernon Roote  
Grand Council  
Chief

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct Grand Council Chief Vernon Roote to conduct the necessary political advocacy and action that will convince the Ontario Government to hold an inquiry immediately.

  
Eugene  
Manitowabi  
Deputy Grand  
Council Chief