



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
XLIV ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 01/13

Subject: Support for the Healing of Residential School
Students and Intergenerational Issues

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY:

Councillor Stacey LaForme
Mississaugas of the New
Credit First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Chief Greg Cowie
Hiawatha First Nation

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Grand Chief Gordon Peters

WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities and that sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has recognized their responsibility through their apology for the intergenerational trauma that has resulted from Indian Residential Schools;

WHEREAS, Churches involved in the Residential Schools era have not fully accepted responsibility (i.e. lack of financial support) for the damage that their actions have caused;

WHEREAS, former students of Indian Residential Schools have been forced to relive their traumas by providing accounts of their experiences to various organizations responsible for reconciliation and healing;

WHEREAS, Canada has not been forthcoming with all documentation and information regarding Residential School students (e.g. death certificates, medical and school records) under the terms of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has indicated that there will be no additional funds committed to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation past September 2012;

WHEREAS, the Aboriginal Healing Foundation had the mandate to encourage and support community-based healing initiatives which address the legacy of physical and sexual abuse suffered in the Indian Residential School System, including intergenerational impacts;

WHEREAS, a serious and immediate need remains to support the mental and physical health of Residential School survivors and the intergenerational issues that resulted; and

WHEREAS, there is no funding through the Aboriginal Healing Foundation to support community-based healing initiatives for Residential School survivors and this places further burden on First Nations health systems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls for the AIAI to organize political and technical meetings with the Government of Canada and Health Canada to address the health needs of Residential School survivors and their families for direct and intergenerational effects;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls on the Churches to be financially accountable for their role during the Residential School era;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Grand Chief to seek funding for a full-time Residential Schools Healing coordinator in each member First Nation; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls on the Government of Canada and Health Canada to recognize the serious need to provide financial support for the mental and physical health for Residential School survivors and the intergenerational effects this has on their families and take the necessary steps to address this need.



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Resolution No. 02/13

Subject: Call for Third-Party Management over the Senate
of Canada

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY:

Chief Dean Sayers
Batchewana First Nation

WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Louise Hillier
Caldwell First Nation

WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

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WHEREAS, the 2002 Auditor General Report to the House of Commons estimates that First Nations are required to complete at least 168 reports annually to four different federal organizations to receive funding for programs and services;

WHEREAS, First Nations are funded through contribution agreements that limit the scope of decision-making authority that a Chief and Council may exercise over such funds;

WHEREAS, a 2003 investigation by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Resource Development found that 96% of First Nations were fully compliant with all funding rules and regulations;



Grand Chief Gordon Peters

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has further entrenched the misperception that First Nation governments are not financially accountable or transparent through the passage of the *First Nations Financial Transparency Act*;

WHEREAS, the Senate of Canada has demonstrated its own inability to manage and track expenditures by individual Senators, as well as its lack of accountability and transparency concerning financial rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has established a double standard in the way it scrutinizes the expenditures of First Nation governments, including the Chief and Councillors and the Senate of Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly calls for the immediate suspension of funding to the Senate of Canada until a Third-Party manager is appointed to manage its finances;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Chief send a letter to the Prime Minister's Office outlining the above demand; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians issue a news release and hold a press conference outlining the double standard exhibited by the Government of Canada towards First Nations and the Senate of Canada.



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Resolution No. 03/13

Subject: Suggested Change to the Association of Iroquois
and Allied Indians Constitution, Sections 13-14:
Representation and Voting Members

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY:

Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the
Thames

SECONDED BY:

Chief R. Don Maracle
Mohawks of the Bay of
Quinte

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WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, the AIAI has eight (8) member Nations who work co-operatively and collectively on issues of common concern;

WHEREAS, the AIAI's current Constitution in Section 13 states that "Each Member First Nation shall have a maximum of five (5) voting delegates from their respective Chiefs and Councils";

WHEREAS, the AIAI Constitution in Section 14 states "Each Representative of a Member Nation shall have one (1) vote in respect of each issue raised for a vote at a General Assembly"; and

WHEREAS, there are large differences among the Member Nations in terms of population (Total Membership), and the current "Voting and Representation of Members" sections of the AIAI Constitution gives all Member Nations equal voting rights regardless of the number of people that they represent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly directs the AIAI Chiefs Council to form a Constitutional Committee as outlined in Section 36 of the Constitution. The Committee's purpose will be to revisit the current "Voting and Representation of Members" sections, and identify options for a voting system that is weighted and takes into account the population of Member Nations.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitutional Committee presents the options to the General Assembly for consideration at AIAI's next AGA in Hiawatha First Nation.



**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
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Resolution No. 04/13

**Subject: Continuation of the Indigenous Reclamation
Working Group (IRWG) Mandate**

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Greg Cowie
Hiawatha First Nation

WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

SECONDED BY:
Chief Louise Hillier
Caldwell First Nation

WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

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WHEREAS, the AIAI Chiefs Council, a body representing each respective member Nation, carries the responsibilities of providing political direction and leading action;

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WHEREAS, the Chief of each AIAI member Nation, having an abundance of experience, is inundated with demands from their respective community, as well as regional and national initiatives;

WHEREAS, AIAI is mandated as a political territorial organization to defend and enhance Indigenous and treaty rights of its eight member First Nations, and has the administrative capacity and technical expertise to achieve that mandate; and


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WHEREAS, the external challenges and issues facing First Nations continue to grow, based on the Canadian Government's continued political oppression and its lack of respect for the inherent rights of First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly accepts the political report "Indigenous Reclamation Governance" as a First Edition, and directs the Association to produce a new edition each year as part of its reporting requirements; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly directs the Grand Chief to continue the work necessary to carry out the mandate of the Indigenous Reclamation Working Group.



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Resolution No. 05/13

Subject: AANDC to Account for Loss of Personal
Information

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the
Thames

SECONDED BY:
Chief Greg Peters
Delaware Nation

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WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, in 2009, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) engaged the Oneida Nation of the Thames in a pilot project related to the development of Secure Certificates of Indian Status;

WHEREAS, an AANDC project team collected a wide range of personal information from Oneida citizens, including photographs, copies of birth certificates, and Social Insurance Numbers;

WHEREAS, a level of information security was displayed, in that AANDC had Ontario Provincial Police officers transport the laptops containing personal information to a supposedly secure location;

WHEREAS, in the same year, citizens of the Oneida Nation of the Thames were contacted by AANDC and asked to re-submit their personal information;

WHEREAS, Oneida's Chief and Council made an inquiry to AANDC about the need to re-submit information, and was informed that the personal information collected on site had been lost. No official explanation or response measures taken by AANDC were reported to Oneida Nation of the Thames; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the lost information, the Oneida Nation of the Thames' administration and Chief and Council was forced to undertake an extensive re-submission process at expense of their own time and resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly directs the AIAI to take actions to have this matter properly addressed. In particular, the Chiefs Council is directed to make an official appeal to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly also directs the AIAI to communicate these actions directly to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, seeking the AANDC's accountability to the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents* and *Privacy* laws that apply to their activities and conduct.



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Resolution No. 06/13

Subject: Call for Collective Response to the *First Nations
Financial Transparency Act*

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Louise Hillier
Caldwell First Nation

SECONDED BY:
Chief Bryan LaForme
Mississaugas of the New
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WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada passed Bill C-27, *First Nations Financial Transparency Act* on March 27th, 2013, which requires First Nation Governments to publish all financial information, including the salaries and honorariums of Chiefs and Councillors;

WHEREAS, there was no consultation or effort to acquire the free, prior and informed consent of First Nations leading up to the introduction and subsequent implementation of the *First Nations Financial Transparency Act*;

WHEREAS, Canada has no jurisdiction to impose the *First Nations Financial Transparency Act* or its provisions on First Nation governments; and

WHEREAS, AIAI member First Nations are dissatisfied with the Government of Canada and its imposition of the *First Nations Financial Transparency Act*.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly rejects the *First Nations Financial Transparency Act* and calls for the collective refusal of First Nations to adhere to its provisions; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly strongly urges the Ontario Regional Chief to actively encourage all First Nations to collectively and consistently respond to the Government of Canada and its imposed legislation.
