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Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 47th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Resolution No. 001/16

Subject: Affirming H/SAB's Priorities

MOVED BY: Chief Louise Hillier Caldwell First Nation

SECONDED BY: Councillor Adele Madigan Batchewana First Nation

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June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks 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, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, The Health/Social Advisory Board (H/SAB) is an arm of the AIAI Chiefs Council with the purpose of advancing the member Nation's interests in health and social issues. The work of the H/SAB will reflect how we move forward as Nations and to exercise our governance in addressing community health and social needs;

WHEREAS, Indigenous reclamation for health and social issues is the member Nations assertion of their jurisdiction and the rejection of delegated authority. The Indigenous Reclamation process establishes a vision to promote Nation building activities at the community level. These activities will be supported by the H/SAB as a working group under the AIAI Chiefs Council;

WHEREAS, the H/SAB will identify issues and develop political and technical strategies that will strengthen and empower each member Nation's Chief to lobby all levels of government. H/SAB will work cohesively with the AIAI Chiefs Council to support external relationships and will help fulfill the General Assembly and Chiefs Council mandates pertaining to Health and Social issues;

WHEREAS, in 2015/2016, the H/SAB completed a restructuring and strategic planning process to strengthen its function and efficiency as the member Nations' advocates for health and social services issues. The AIAI Chiefs Council and H/SAB identified the need to re-prioritize and move toward a more efficient, operationalized, and outcome-based strategic plan;



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WHEREAS, a new five-year strategic plan (2015-2020) has been developed with the following eight (8) Health and Social priorities;

- 1. Operation and Resources
- 2. Knowledge Sharing and Research
- 3. Health Care Service Provision (includes NIHB, Mental Health, Seniors Issues, and Community Safety & Security)
- 4. Health Care Management and Operation
- 5. Child Welfare
- 6. Environmental Issues Impacting Health
- 7. Health and Social Related Housing Issues
- 8. Safe Drinking Water.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association's General Assembly affirms the Health/Social Advisory Board's eight (8) priority issues to be advocated for on behalf of the AIAI member First Nation communities; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health/Social Advisory Board become a regular agenda item on all future AIAI Chiefs Council agendas. The H/SAB Chair (Deputy Grand Chief) will provide regular updates to the Chiefs Council and promote actions on these priority issues.



respective Nations by the Creator;

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Resolution No. 002/16 Subject: Youth Resolution

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Doxtator Yehs^nowán Oneida Nation of the Thames

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

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

SECONDED BY: Chief Louise Hillier Caldwell First Nation **WHEREAS**, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians values First Nation youth perspectives and contribution;

WHEREAS, leadership has recognized and entrenched the value of our youth in resolution 01/2015 entitled Entrenching and Recognizing the Value of our Youth;

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WHEREAS, leadership recognizes that consistency in funding is required to engage with the youth;

June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks WHEREAS, leadership directs AIAI to draft a budget;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Council have supported past recommendations to support the wholistic wellbeing of our youth;

WHEREAS, if program dollars are not available Chiefs Council will support the youth initiatives;

WHEREAS, the assembly recognizes the need for a full time coordinator to support the development and coordination of a youth strategy;

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WHEREAS, the AIAI youth representatives express and support the need for a longterm strategy that includes the full time involvement of the youth from our member nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AIAI seeks funds to hire a full-time youth coordinator and to ensure that the youth are involved in the job description development and the hiring procedures;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that AIAI will continue to establish a youth worker network to work with delegated youth representatives from each community.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AIAI staff and departments engage youth representatives in a meaningful way on any and all issues affecting the youth of the member Nations to ensure their unique perspectives are heard from development to implementation; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the youth representatives will work with the coordinator to develop and implement the youth strategy.



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Resolution No. 003/16 Subject: Supporting the bilateral relationship with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the priorities set out in the joint strategic work plan

MOVED BY: Chief Greg Peters Delaware Nation at Moraviantown

SECONDED BY: Chief R. Donald Maracle Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

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June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks 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, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 02/15 entitled *Supporting the Indigenous Reclamation Process*, the general assembly directed the Chiefs Council to develop a strategic work plan and to identify annual priorities;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Council has successfully established a bilateral relationship with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and have approved a joint strategic work plan;

WHEREAS, the following issues have been identified by the Chiefs Council at their strategic planning as the top priorities for this fiscal year:

- Child Welfare
- Education
- Taxation Tobacco & Gas
- Community Safety Ending Violence
- Treaties Lands & Resources

WHEREAS, the priorities for the bilateral table will be confirmed each year by the Chiefs Council;

WHEREAS, the bilateral process will include member Nation community members/experts at the joint technical working group meetings to ensure that the community perspectives are included in the process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Unit will report the progress of the bilateral relationship priorities at Chiefs Councils meetings to ensure the Chiefs Councils positions are being advanced; and



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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual General Assembly supports the process and priorities of the bilateral relationship with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.



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Resolution No. 004/16 Subject: Support for an Education Partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Doxtator Yehs^nowán Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Chief Louise Hillier Caldwell First Nation

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June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty as asserted by treaties and founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

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

WHEREAS, United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Article 14:1,2,3 affirms the right to establish and control Indigenous educational systems and institutions; to have the right to all levels and forms of education of the State without discrimination and the State shall take effective measures, with Indigenous individuals, including those living outside their communities, to have access,, when possible, to an education;

WHEREAS, Request INAC to Increase Support and Funding for 2nd Level Education Services (Resolution 08/06) requests Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to ensure that fair, adequate, and long-term funding for 2nd level education services be secured for First Nations in Ontario and their respective 2nd level education service delivery organizations;

WHEREAS, INAC initiated the Education Partnership Program which supports the establishment and advancement of a tri-partnership relationship between INAC and the Ontario Ministry of Education (MOE) and regional First Nation organizations on First Nations education priority initiatives;

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Association partnered with the Indigenous Education Coalition to consult with member Nations on identified education priorities, a draft a Memorandum of Understanding, and a draft work plan was developed;

WHEREAS, in 2014, INAC announced the sun setting of the Education Partnership Program thus ending the partnership with the Indigenous Education Coalition and the Association involvement in the Education Partnership initiative;



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WHEREAS, in March 2016, INAC recently announced in the federal budget the continuation of the Education Partnership Program funding along with the MOE continued interest in pursuing a partnership relationship with the Association;

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the Education Committee met to revisit the draft Memorandum of Understanding and to identify the priorities consisting of student transition, relationship-building and language and culture for consideration on a tri-party partnership relationship with INAC and the MOE;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to re-establish a tri-party partnership relationship with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Education on the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding, the identified education priorities and to work towards a draft work plan;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to ensure the Education Partnership identified priorities does not interfere with any existing and/or potential funding relationship developed by the member Nations with any other organizations and funding sources/agencies;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the final Memorandum of Understanding and the work plan to be presented to the member Nations for ratification; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly are in agreement for the Association to move forward in negotiating with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Education on a tri-party Education Partnership arrangement.



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Resolution No. 005/16 Subject: Education Committee Revised Terms of Reference

MOVED BY: Chief Louise Hillier Caldwell First Nation

SECONDED BY: Councillor Olive Elm Oneida Nation of the Thames

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WHEREAS, Education Committee (Resolution No. 06/06) established the Education Committee and that funding be secured for the work of the Education Committee;

WHEREAS, the Education Committee will act as an advisory committee by providing technical support to address and analyze, develop strategies and positions and to provide recommendations to the Association's Chiefs Council and the General Assembly on collective education issues;

WHEREAS, the Education Committee has drafted an updated Terms of Reference to coordinate with the structure of the Association's Policy Unit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Education Committee recommend to the General Assembly to adopt the Terms of Reference as presented;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Education Committee shall be responsible and report to the Chiefs Council and the General Assembly; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual General Assembly approves the revised Education Committee's Terms of Reference effective June 8, 2016.



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Resolution No. 006/16 Subject: Jordan's Principle

MOVED BY: Councillor Zelda Elijah Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Peters Delaware Nation at Moraviantown

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June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks 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, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, in February 2007, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations filed a human rights complaint against the Federal Government of Canada. They alleged that Canada's flawed and inequitable provision of First Nations child and family services and failure to implement Jordan's Principle is discriminatory to First Nations children living on reserve;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) issued its decision regarding the compliant and found that the Federal Government of Canada was racially discriminating against First Nations children living on-reserves. In particular, the CHRT found that the Canada's implementation of Jordan's principle to be flawed and inequitable thus discriminatory under the Canadian Human Rights Act;

WHEREAS, in response to this finding, the CHRT ordered Canada to immediately stop applying its discriminatory narrow definition of Jordan's Principle and to take immediate measures to implement the full definition of Jordan's Principle;

WHEREAS, Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle intended to ensure that First Nations children do not experience denials, delays, or disruptions of services that are ordinary available to other children due to jurisdictional disputes regarding payment for services. Jordan's Principle is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson;

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2016, the CHRT found that Canada was not respecting the CHRT earlier order to "immediately implement the full meaning and scope of Jordan's Principle" and required Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to



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report back to the CHRT on May 10, 2016 to confirm that the full scope of Jordan's Principal is implemented;

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2016, the Department of Justice Canada issued a letter confirming INAC has implemented Jordan's Principle. However, the letter was vague in how INAC has implemented the full scope of Jordan's Principle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois of Allied Indians to follow up with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the Federal Government of Canada to determine how the full scope of Jordan's Principle has been implemented; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to ensure that Jordan's Principle is applied as it was originally intended and not simply applied to health-related services disputes. Jordan's Principle is applicable to any and all services that First Nations children may access and ensures that First Nation children never experience any disruptions of services due to jurisdictional disputes over payment of services.



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Resolution No. 007/16

Subject: 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement

MOVED BY: Chief Greg Cowie Hiawatha First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Peters Delaware Nation at Moraviantown

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WHEREAS, in February 2007, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations filed a human rights complaint against the Federal Government of Canada, alleging that Canada's flawed and inequitable provision of First Nations child and family services and failure to implement Jordan's Principle is discriminatory to First Nations children living on-reserve;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) issued its decision regarding the complaint and found that the Federal Government of Canada was racially discriminating against First Nations children living on reserves;

WHEREAS, in the decision, the CHRT found shortcomings in Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) provision of child and family services on First Nations reserves in Ontario. Specifically, the CHRT found that the situation in Ontario fall short of the objective set out in the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement, "to make available to the Indians in the Province the full range of provincial welfare programs";

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WHEREAS, the CHRT has ordered INAC "to cease its discriminatory practices and reform the FNCFS Program and 1965 Agreement to reflect the findings in this decision";



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Resolution No. 007/16

Subject: 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement

WHEREAS, the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement is a bi-lateral funding agreement between the Province of Ontario and INAC. Signed in 1965, the agreement requires INAC to reimburse the province 93 cents for every dollar of services provided to "status" Indians in the following areas: Social Assistance, Child and Family Services, Child Care (Early Learning) and Homemaking;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to take a proactive role in any future processes, negotiations and/or discussions in relation to reviewing or reforming the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to ensure that any potential changes or reforming of the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement be beneficial and responsive to the needs of the member Nations and ensure that there is no loss of funding for programs and services currently funded under the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement.



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Resolution No. 008/16

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Subject: Inquiry into Ontario's Children Aid Societies

MOVED BY: Councillor Vernon Syrette Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Cowie Hiawatha First Nation

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

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, First Nation's cultures and traditions have revolved around the principles of responsibility, wisdom, truth, respect, and love. By following these principles, First Nations have flourished with strong families;

WHEREAS, First Nations have always had the responsibility to provide and care for their families and have never relinquished this responsibility;

WHEREAS, in the Province of Ontario, child welfare is currently governed by the Children and Family Services Act (CFSA);

WHEREAS, through the CFSA, the province delegates its authority to 47 privately run Children Aid Societies (CAS) to remove children from homes where they face either a risk of harm or have experienced harm;

WHEREAS, under this authority, CAS have developed a history of being overly aggressive and having invasive practices which infringe on First Nations families inherent right to provide and care for their children, youth, and families which has done more harm to First Nations families rather than to help them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to pursue the implementation of an inquiry into the policies, practices, and mandates of the Children's Aid Societies of Ontario and to address their impacts on First Nation's children, families, and communities;



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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly direct the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to raise this initiative at the regional level and gain support for this inquiry; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians use this initiative to hold the provincial ministries and the Children's Aid Societies of Ontario accountable for any and all actions that may have negatively impacted First Nation's children, families, and communities.



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Resolution No. 009/16 Subject: Climate Change

MOVED BY: Councillor Vernon Syrette Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cameron Stonefish Delaware Nation at Moraviantown

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June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty to the Great Lakes, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

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

WHEREAS, the member First Nations assert our right to self-determination to assume full control over our lands, waters, airs, and all of our relations;

WHEREAS, climate change is a leading threat to our environment and has impacted the health and wellbeing of current and future generations;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada and Ontario are creating strategies to address climate change and it is critical that First Nations are included in the development of these strategies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly directs the AIAI Political Executive and Chiefs Council to actively advocate for the inclusion of First Nations in discussions with the federal and provincial governments with regards to the development of climate change strategies;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the Association will not support or endorse any climate change strategies until the different levels of government fully engage and obtain the Association's Chiefs Council's free, prior and informed consent; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association to develop a strategy on climate change that best represent the needs of our member Nations for safe and sustainable practices pertaining to resource development and any other activities that affect First Nation's lands (air, water etc).



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Resolution No. 010/16 Subject: Appointment of a Representative to the Great lakes Executive Committee

MOVED BY: Councillor Vernon Syrette Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief R. Donald Maracle Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

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WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) was first signed by Canada and the United States in 1972 to coordinate the actions of Canada and the United States to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes";

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) was established under Article 5 of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The committee is co-chaired by the government of Canada and the government of the United States. The GLEC meets at least twice a year, alternating between Canada and the United States;

WHEREAS, the Lakewide Action and Management Plans are plans of actions used by Canada and the United States to "assess, restore, protect, and monitor the ecosystem health of each Great Lake and its connecting river systems";

WHEREAS, the Lakewide Action plans were drafted without the involvement of First Nations and lack the traditional ecological knowledge our peoples;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governments, First Nations, and Metis are invited to send representatives to participate in the committee meetings; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Political Executive to push for a regional representative to sit on the Great Lakes Executive Committee and to seek permanent funds for this representative.



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Resolution No. 011/16 Subject: Supporting the Continuation of the Child Welfare Working Group

MOVED BY: Chief Dean Sayers Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Sheri Doxtator Yehs^nowán Oneida Nation of the Thames

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

WHEREAS, the member Nations have always had the responsibility to provide and care for their children, youth, and families and have never relinquished this responsibility;

WHEREAS, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Calls to Action aims to advance the process of Canadian reconciliation by calling on Aboriginal Governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal Children in care;

WHEREAS, the Association supports and encourages each of the member Nations to create laws and systems that is responsive to the needs of their children, youth, and families based on their respective cultures, languages, and traditions;

WHEREAS, the Association's Chiefs Council mandated a Child Welfare Working Group to explore jurisdiction over child welfare at the October 2015 AIAI Chiefs Council strategic planning session;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Child Welfare Working Group to change its name to the Family Revitalization Working Group to be more reflective of that stance that healthy families form the basis of healthy communities;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly supports the continuation of the Family Revitalization Working Group and its mandate to explore Jurisdiction over child welfare/family matters in the member Nations communities;



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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Family Revitalization Working Group to continue being a supportive venue for technicians and leadership to discuss priorities, opportunities and the aspirations of the member Nations with respect to child welfare/family matters; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Family Revitalization Working Group to be a resource for the Chiefs Council to provide recommendations and tools that will better inform and support Chiefs Council and the member Nations on matters related to child welfare/family matters.



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Resolution No. 012/16

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Subject: Post-Secondary Students Residency Issues

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Doxtator Yehs^nowán Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Chief Dean Sayers Batchewana First Nation

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

WHEREAS, the Post-Secondary Student Support Program has slowly eroded away since 1987 due to Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) imposing national guidelines to adhere to their "reasonable growth rate" cap policy. One such change is the requirement that a student must be resident in Canada for 12 months prior to applying for funding;

WHEREAS, INAC implemented a devolution policy to transfer jurisdiction of the post-secondary program to First Nations in 1995. First Nations designed and implemented their own local policies which recognizes responsibility for their citizens;

WHEREAS, in February 2016, First Nations were informed that a post-secondary audit will be conducted on the eligibility of funded students. First Nations are not in agreement with this imposed audit requirement as it will interferes with their jurisdictional right over their post-secondary program and will lead to further funding cuts to the post-secondary program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Association's member Nations will continue to exercise their jurisdiction and fund their Post-Secondary students regardless of their residency; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly directs the Association to increase lobby efforts with the federal government to:

- Affirm the recognition of First Nations jurisdiction over their postsecondary programs and policies.
- Eliminate the Post-Secondary Student Support Program national policy on student funding eligibility based on residency; and,



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Subject: Post-Secondary Students Residency Issues

- To ensure post-secondary funds are directly transferred to First Nations.
- To lobby to increase post-secondary funding.



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MOVED BY: Chief Dean Sayers Batchewana First Nations

SECONDED BY: Chief Sheri Doxtator Yehs^nowán Oneida Nation of the Thames

Certified Copy of a Resolution Adopted on:

June 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016 Wahta Mohawks WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty as asserted by treaties and founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

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

WHEREAS, the Honourable Susan Lang was appointed by the Province of Ontario to undertake an independent review into the adequacy and reliability of the hair-strand drug and alcohol testing utilized by the Motherisk Laboratory at the Hospital for Sick Children between 2005 and 2015;

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015 the Honourable Susan Lang released her final report and concluded that the hair-strand and alcohol testing utilized by the Motherisk Laboratory was inadequate and unreliable for use as evidence in child protection and criminal proceedings;

WHEREAS, the findings from the Honourable Susan Lang's report has serious implications for families who may have been involved with child protection proceeds;

WHEREAS, the Motherisk Commission was established by the Government of Ontario on January 14, 2016 to lead a review and open a resource centre that will offer appropriate support and assistance to individuals affected by Motherisk Laboratory's flawed test methodology;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to advocate for the restitution and the return of all First Nation children back to their First Nations families who were impacted by the flawed testing methodology by Motherisk Laboratories;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association to work in collaboration with the member nations and the Motherisk Commission and the



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provincial ministries to establish a process to identify and notify affected community members so that they may have access to services and supports offered by the Motherisk Commission and any other commissions established by this process; and

FINALLY, IT BE RESOLVED, that all member Nations Chief and Councils be notified if any of their members are affected.