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XLII ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 01/11

Subject: Recognition for Secondary School First
Nation Language Credits

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

Chief R. Donald Maracle
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

WHEREAS First Nation languages are deemed to be recognized as gifts from the Creator, and thus the right of every First Nation individual to "revitalize, use, develop and transmit," their original language;

SECONDED BY:

Chief Louise Hillier
Caldwell First Nation

WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 14(4), internationally recognizes the right of First Nations children to be educated in their own languages;

WHEREAS academic and university-level credits are granted to foreign language study at the secondary level;

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WHEREAS foreign languages are recognized and accredited at the post-secondary level;

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WHEREAS First Nation language credits at the secondary level are not afforded the same recognition for admission requirements to a post-secondary program, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the AIAI General Assembly call upon the Minister of Education to designate First Nation language courses as a compulsory credit for First Nation students at the secondary level of education,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the AIAI General Assembly call upon the Minister of Education to accredit First Nation language courses for the purposes of admittance to post-secondary levels of education, and;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED the AIAI General Assembly call upon the Ontario Ministry of Education to take steps to rectify the inequities for First Nation languages, to be effective for the 2011/2012 academic year.

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Resolution No. 02/11

Subject: Formal Review of the Name of the Association
of Iroquois and Allied Indians

Passed, with one abstension

MOVED BY:
Chief Dean Sayers
Batchewana First Nation of
Ojibways

WHEREAS the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians currently advocates for the political interests of eight member Nations, and those member Nations include Haudenosaunee, Lenape, Mississauga, and Ojibway peoples;

WHEREAS the name of the Association does not reflect the current and historic Nation alliances among its members;

SECONDED BY:
Councillor Stacey Laforme
Mississaugas of New Credit
First Nation

WHEREAS the word "Iroquois" originates from a derogatory French word used to describe our ancestors as enemies, and, therefore, does not reflect our people from our perspective; and

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WHEREAS the General Assembly expressed an interest in reviewing the Association's name at the 41st Annual General Assembly.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a formal review should include a comprehensive community engagement process with leadership, Elders and community members

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a formal review should consider the Association's name, mandate, mission and vision; and


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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly requests the Chiefs Council to appoint a committee to undertake a formal review with the objective of presenting a set of recommendations to Chiefs Council. The recommendations will subsequently be distributed to member Nations in fall 2011 for ratification at the next Annual General Assembly.



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Resolution No. 03/11

Subject: Support for the Nomination of Justice Harry
S. Laforme to the Supreme Court of Canada

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY:
Chief Greg Peters
Delaware First Nation

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WHEREAS there are currently two vacant seats on the Supreme Court Canada, and;

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada does not currently have a sitting Judge who is a member of a First Nation, nor has it ever, and;

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has shaped Canadian policy and legislation towards First Nations through its rulings, and continues to do so, and;

WHEREAS the General Assembly acknowledges the qualifications and accomplishments of the citizens of all the Association's member Nations, and;

WHEREAS Justice Harry S. Laforme, a citizen of the Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation, currently sits on the Ontario Court for Appeal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly support the nomination of Justice Harry Laforme to the Supreme Court of Canada.



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Resolution No. 04/11

Subject: New Title for the Minister of Indian and
Northern Affairs (Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs)

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Blaine Commandant
Wahta Mohawks

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has changed the name of the *Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development* to *Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs*, and;

SECONDED BY:
Chief Greg Peters
Delaware First Nation

WHEREAS the Association's member Nations do not accept the term "Aboriginal" as an appropriate description of our First Nations, and;

WHEREAS the term "Aboriginal" can be regarded as a pan-aboriginal approach that will have significant impacts on government legislation, policy and funding.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly directs the Grand Chief to issue correspondence to the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs expressing our disagreement with the term "Aboriginal," and,

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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that AIAI member Nations directs the Association to complete an analysis on the potential political, policy and funding implication of the use of the term "Aboriginal" by the Government of Canada.

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Resolution No. 05/11

**Subject: Support for Diabetic Drugs and Supplies
through the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program**

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Sandra D. Moore
Hiawatha First Nation

WHEREAS the prevalence of diabetes among First Nation peoples is nearly four times as great as the general Canadian population;

SECONDED BY:
Chief Louise Hillier
Caldwell First Nation

WHEREAS the most common treatments for diabetes used by First Nation peoples includes oral medication (68%), insulin (16.7%), and traditional medicines (12.7%);

WHEREAS existing diabetic drug products are referred to the Federal Pharmacy and Therapeutics (FP&T) Committee for recommendations to be added to the formulary listing of the NIHB Program;

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WHEREAS the purpose of the NIHB Program is to provide a limited range of medically necessary goods and services to First Nations and Inuit in a manner that is appropriate to their unique health needs;

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WHEREAS the NIHB Program makes listing decisions based on their mandate, priorities, resources and recommendations from the FP&T Committee;

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WHEREAS, the FP&T Committee takes far too long to add new diabetic drugs and supplies to the formulary, and decisions are made unilaterally with no accountability to First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the General Assembly calls upon the AIAI Chiefs and Councils to lobby Health Canada and the FP&T Committee for diabetic drugs and supplies to be added to the NIHB formulary in a more timely fashion.



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Resolution No. 06/11

Subject: Increase Funding Under 1965 Welfare
Agreement for Social Programs

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the Thames

WHEREAS the 1965 Welfare Agreement is a cost-sharing agreement between the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the province of Ontario;

SECONDED BY:
Chief Sandra D. Moore
Hiawatha First Nation

WHEREAS First Nations are neither signatories, nor administrative parties to the Agreement, an Agreement that underfunds First Nations' social programs, including Child Welfare, Social Assistance, Daycare and Homemakers; and

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WHEREAS INAC applies a ceiling to their portion of funding, a practice through which they refuse to increase equitable and appropriate funding under the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement for First Nations' social programs.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly demands that INAC increase funding under the 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement for all First Nations' social programs.

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Resolution No. 07/11

Subject: Bill C-3 Impacts on the Non-Insured Health
Benefits (NIHB) Program

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

Chief R. Donald Maracle
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed Bill C-3 in response to the McIvor decision which may result in an estimated 40,000 new registrants under Section 6 of the *Indian Act*; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Sandra D. Moore
Hiawatha First Nation

WHEREAS there has been no plan from Health Canada on the projected financial allocations required to accommodate new clients eligible for health benefits under the NIHB program; and,

WHEREAS the NIHB program has been grossly underfunded for many years and this population influx will raise concerns regarding financial limitations of the NIHB envelope.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly requires Health Canada, to develop a financial plan to address the increase of eligible clients to the NIHB program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly demands that proper engagement with First Nations take place prior to any further modifications to national or regional funding allocation to obtain First Nations' consent.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that any financial planning be released by Health Canada in a timely fashion to demonstrate transparency and to accommodate any necessary modifications.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly directs correspondence be issued to Health Minister, Leona Aglukkaq, requesting a meeting to address our concerns regarding the NIHB envelope with involvement of the Grand Chief, Deputy Grand Chief and Chiefs Council as soon as possible.

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Resolution No. 08/11

Subject: Call for National Summit on Aboriginal Issues

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

Chief Sandra D. Moore
Hiawatha First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Gord Peters
Delaware First Nation

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WHEREAS in 2006, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's election campaign included a commitment to hold a National Summit on Aboriginal Issues; and,

WHEREAS after five years in office, Prime Minister Harper has not yet followed up on his commitment, which has been identified and urged to actualization by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty; and,

WHEREAS National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo has reinforced Premier McGuinty's call, and Grand Chief Randall Phillips has also supported the Summit to take place by way of a letter to the Prime Minister; and,

WHEREAS issues and priorities identified by the AIAI General Assembly and First Nations across Canada require the immediate attention of all levels of governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly supports an immediate call for a National Summit on Aboriginal Issues, and directs the Chiefs Council to oversee the appropriate advocacy work to ensure that the Summit remain on the Prime Minister's agenda.

Grand Chief Randall Phillips



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Resolution No. 09/11

Subject: Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
(AIAI) Youth Council

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the Thames

WHEREAS the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians values First Nation Youth perspectives and contributions; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Blaine Commandant
Wahta Mohawks

WHEREAS AIAI hosted a Youth Symposium in March 2011 where the Youth in attendance expressed support for a Youth Council; and,

WHEREAS we have an inherent responsibility to ensure that our Youth have the proper tools and supports for our Nations' future well being.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association assist the Youth representatives with the planning of the Youth Council, which would include the development of terms of reference, coordination and allocation of a specific budget for the Youth Council. Chiefs Council will be provided with a 3-month update as to the status of the Youth Council development.

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Resolution No. 10/11

Subject: Aboriginal Allocation to the Canada Summer
Jobs Program

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:

Councillor Doug Maracle
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

WHEREAS Statistics Canada has projected a 16 per cent increase in Ontario's Aboriginal population to 267,700 by 2017, and that the number of Aboriginal adults (aged 20-29) is expected to grow more than 22 per cent, which is far beyond the 9 per cent expected growth of the non-Aboriginal population in the same age group; and,

SECONDED BY:

Chief Blaine Commandant
Wahta Mohawks

WHEREAS Human Resources Development Canada eliminated the Aboriginal allocation for the Canada Summer Jobs Program for the Province of Ontario and included the Aboriginal allocation into the national component, ignoring the growing needs and population of our peoples; and,

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WHEREAS Aboriginal employers and Aboriginal students are forced to compete with the overall population as well as to adhere to the funding priorities established by local municipalities; and,

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WHEREAS the priorities established by local municipalities ignore the development of Aboriginal students and the needs of Aboriginal employers and dramatically reduce the number of summer jobs. Specifically, these gaps create shortfalls in the employment and development opportunities available to Aboriginal students.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Human Resources Development Canada be requested to establish direct allocation for Aboriginal students, and that the funding be comparable to the 2006 summer student funding rates.



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Resolution No. 11/11

Subject: Support for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
in Their Retention of Title to the Culbertson Land Tract

Passed by consensus

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

WHEREAS the Culbertson land tract consisting of 923.4 acres of land was never surrendered by the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to the Crown; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the Thames

WHEREAS the illegal alienation of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte lands has resulted in a long-standing dispute that resulted in unrest and protest with the attendance of the Public Order Team of the Ontario Provincial Police in 2007 and in 2008; and,

WHEREAS the Association has been informed that Amnesty International will be making statements at Queen's Park on the Culbertson land tract on Tuesday May 31st, 2011, to present their findings to Ontario and to the general public.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly supports the decision of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to not surrender any additional lands.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly demand that Canada and Ontario negotiate in good faith with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte to make restitution of the Culbertson land tract that was illegally taken from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly support the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte's resolve that the Crown purchase these lands from individuals on a willing-seller/willing-buyer basis.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Canada and Ontario make arrangements that are acceptable to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte for the use of lands that are not yet for sale.



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Resolution No. 12/11

Subject: Early Learning — Full-time Kindergarten
Programs for First Nations

Passed by consensus

MOVED BY:
Chief Sandra D. Moore
Hiawatha First Nation

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education implemented full-time kindergarten programs in Ontario schools; and,

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education provided additional funding to school boards to ensure the successful implementation of the full-time kindergarten programs; and,

SECONDED BY:
Chief Joel Abram
Oneida Nation of the Thames

WHEREAS the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requires First Nations to provide programs comparable to the province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS INAC has not provided adequate and comparable funding to First Nations to provide successful implementation of full-time kindergarten programs in First Nation communities; and,

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WHEREAS First Nations have local control of their education systems and have the right and the opportunity to develop their own vision for Early Learning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly directs the AIAI Executive to initiate a discussion and forward correspondence to INAC to demand appropriate funding for full-time kindergarten programs in First Nations' schools.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly recognizes and supports First Nations' local control of their education systems, and require the provision of funding to assist First Nations in the development of their vision for Early Learning.

Grand Chief Randall Phillips