



**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
XLI ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Resolution No. 01/10**

**Subject: Political Strategy to Adequately Resource  
Mnaasged Child and Family Services and Support of Mnaasged Child and Family Services becoming  
a Mandated Children's Aid Society**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Joel Abram**  
**Oneida Nation of the Thames**

**WHEREAS** Mnaasged Child and Family Services commenced initial development work in the summer of 2001; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Greg Peters**  
**Delaware Nation**

**WHEREAS** Mnaasged Child and Family Services became a pre-mandated Native child welfare agency on June 1, 2006 with a consolidated budget of the existing six Native child welfare programs including financial resources for administration and training; and,

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Adopted on:**

**June 4, 2010**  
**Oneida Nation of the Thames**

**WHEREAS** the former Minister of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), Mary Ann Chambers, committed to provide financial resources for the development of Mnaasged Child and Family Services to become a Mandated Children's Aid Society by 2011; and,

**WHEREAS** Mnaasged has submitted development proposals to MCYS annually since 2006 and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services has failed to honour former Minister Mary Ann Chambers commitment to the provisions of capacity development dollars; and,

**WHEREAS** Mnaasged Child and Family Services submitted a capital proposal to MCYS, Southwest Region for a permanent Head Office facility and have not received the funding required in the amount of \$2.4 million dollars.

  
**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the member Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) strongly recommends that the current Minister of Children and Youth Services, uphold this commitment and provide adequate capacity development dollars, including the \$2.4 million dollars for the permanent head office of the Mnaasged Child and Family Services; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians provide political advocacy in the development of a strategy to demand that adequate resources are provided by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for capacity building activities; and,

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the funding required to achieve mandated Children's Aid Society status and on-going sustainable funding for Mnaasged Child and Family Services be provided by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.



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**Resolution No. 02/10**

**Subject: Special Education Formula Funding Options**

**MOVED BY:**

**Chief Bryan LaForme  
Mississaugas of the New Credit  
First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Lonnie Dodge  
Caldwell First Nation**

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**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of Ontario has directed the First Nation Education Coordination Unit – Special Education Working Group to review the current High Cost Funding Formula and to present the proposed options at the Chiefs of Ontario Annual Assembly on June 22, 23, 24, 2010; and,

**WHEREAS** the collection of the financial data from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) was incomplete and inaccurate in presenting a true perspective of First Nation High Cost Special Education needs and actual costs to assist in determining the funding formula options; and,

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Special Education Working Group contracted Kabuty Consulting to complete a study on the Special Education options which were presented at three First Nations consultation sessions. The options which were presented in a principle based format only, and did not include a financial funding formula due to incomplete financial data; and,

**WHEREAS** the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Education Committee met on May 26, 2010 to review the Special Education options and was in agreement to utilize Ontario First Nation Special Education funds to hire a consultant to complete on-site First Nation community visits to receive a true and accurate perspective on First Nations High Cost Special Education needs and costs

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the 41st General Assembly of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) are in agreement to extend the Special Education Working Group mandate to provide a true perspective on First Nations Special Education needs and costs for an additional 6 month period. Furthermore that funding be provided by INAC – Special Education to hire a consultant to complete on-site First Nation community visits to collect the data required to support the High Cost Special Education funding options.





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**Resolution No. 03/10**

**Subject: Post Secondary 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Options**

**MOVED BY:**

**Councillor Stacey LaForme  
Mississaugas of the New Credit  
First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Lonnie Dodge  
Caldwell First Nation**

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Oneida Nation of the Thames**

**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**WHEREAS** First Nations have inherent and Treaty Rights to Education and Canada has a fiduciary responsibility for First Nations Education, and a legal responsibility to consult with First Nations on a government to government basis; and,

**WHEREAS** an internal audit conducted in 2008-09 indicated that INAC was unable to demonstrate that the goals and objectives of Post Secondary Education were being met; and,

**WHEREAS** subsequently the 2010 Federal Throne speech and Reports such as the Usher Report, the Free to Learn Report contain options regarding the delivery of First Nation Post Secondary Education including the transfer of Post Secondary Education from First Nations to a Third party; and

**WHEREAS** the Reports were undertaken, and are being reviewed internally by INAC without consultation with First Nations; and,

**WHEREAS** First Nations have established Post Secondary Education and Policies compliant with the National Federal Directives on behalf of their members.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the 41st General Assembly of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) shall forward a letter to the Minister of INAC, Hon. Chuck Strahl stating the AIAI objection to the lack of meaningful consultation with First Nations regarding Post Secondary Education; and,

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** That First Nation Post Secondary Education delivery remain the responsibility of First Nations.



**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
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**Resolution No. 04/10**

**Subject: Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program  
Shortfalls**

**MOVED BY:**

**Chief Louise Hillier  
Caldwell First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Chief R Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte**

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**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**WHEREAS** the NIHB Program of First Nations and Inuit Health (FNIH) has currently contracted a new claims processing company, Express Script Incorporated (ESI), for the processing of payments for the Non-Insured Health Benefits; and,

**WHEREAS** payment and/or reimbursement of claims under the NIHB program is not being completed in a timely manner, which frustrates service providers and individuals, and causes an undue administrative and financial burden. It has been reported that a delay in payment of up to four (4) months is being experienced by service providers; and,

**WHEREAS** because of the increased administrative burden and delay in processing payments, some service providers are reluctant to accept this program and in some cases have refused to participate in the NIHB program. The NIHB Program is viewed as an inferior program compared to other federal government departments such as Veteran's Affairs, etc.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians (AIAI) hereby demand that the Minister of Health, Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, intervene and cease the contract under the ESI company for non-performance thus jeopardizing First Nations health. The Association also asks that an appropriate claims processing company be contracted that can provide the required services in a timely manner; and,

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** Health Canada involve First Nations in the interviewing board for contracting a new company and that First Nations organizations receive the call for proposals within a timely manner. This would add to potential companies who have experience with the national scope of the NIHB Program.





**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
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**Resolution No. 05/10**

**Subject: Non-Closure of Hospitals in Ontario**

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

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Greg Peters**  
**Delaware Nation**

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**Oneida Nation of the Thames**

**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) of the provincial government has closed some of the hospitals or parts of the hospitals in Ontario. There is a continued threat of closing more sites and the critical shortage of physicians have forced the membership to attend the emergency care units especially where there is no walk-in clinics to service the general population in need; and,

**WHEREAS** these closures are in close proximity to First Nations communities which will impact greatly on the population causing higher costs for Medical Transportation and lengthening patient wait times, which can be up to twelve hours; and,

**WHEREAS** First Nations people are in support of Public Medicare which services all citizens through Insured Health Services of Ontario.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 41st General Assembly of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) support the non-closure of hospitals which provide service to the general population as well as First Nations who reside in their communities within Ontario; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the moratorium which has been placed on these closures be extended indefinitely and that we encourage all groups of Ontario residents, professional organizations and service organizations to support the non-closure of hospitals in general; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand Chief and the Ontario Chiefs Committee on Health with the Political Confederacy schedule an urgent meeting with the Minister of Health, Hon. Deb Matthews, and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. Chris Bentley, as soon as possible to express this position; and,

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** correspondence raising these concerns are to be sent to the Ministers of the provincial government as well as the Minister of Health, Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, of the federal government.



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Resolution No. 06/10

Subject: Upstream Investments - Health Canada

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

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Laurie Carr  
Hiawatha First Nation

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Grand Chief Randall Phillips

**WHEREAS** First Nations have been informed that the First Nation and Inuit Health - Upstream Investments Initiative has been renewed for the next two years, but the funds for this initiative have not been flowed to First Nation Communities; and,

**WHEREAS** delays in funding impact on planning and delivering the Upstream Investments inclusive of the ADI (Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative), MCH (Maternal Child Health), NAYSPS (National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy) AHHRI (Aboriginal Human Health Resource Initiative) and AHTF (Aboriginal Health Transition Fund); and,

**WHEREAS** every year First Nations have experienced delays in funding the Upstream Investment programs making it difficult for the entire year of activities to take place.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians 41<sup>st</sup> General Assembly direct the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch - national level to release the funding allocations to the regions in a more timely fashion; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the federal government Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq direct the national First Nations and Inuit Health Branch to prepare the regional allocations for the process of a two year timeframe so that First Nations will not experience untimely access to this funding; and,

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand Chief with the Political Confederacy of the Chiefs in Ontario meet with the Minister of Health Hon. Leona Aglukkaq to raise these concerns.





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Resolution No. 07/10

Subject: First Nations Approach to Our Natural  
Resources also know as Resource Revenue Sharing/Resource Benefit Sharing

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MOVED BY:

Chief R Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

SECONDED BY:

Chief Greg Peters  
Delaware Nation

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**WHEREAS** the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) consists of eight member Nations and those member Nations are signatories to treaties with the British Crown and the member Nations also have inherent rights that may be recognized by treaties; and,

**WHEREAS** inherent rights and the spirit and intent of treaties with the Crown did not surrender, yield, give up or release rights to the lands and resources, including water, provided by mother earth; and,

**WHEREAS** First Nation rights to lands, resources and waters originates from teachings and principles provided by elders and the laws of nature and these rights include but are not limited to lands, resources and waters; and,

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario divided responsibilities of First Nations resources, lands and waters without consultation with First Nations through the British North America Act, 1867, and the Constitution Act, 1982 and termed as the *division of powers*; and,

**WHEREAS** the division of powers is a direct violation of inherent rights and treaties in that the division of powers does not include First Nations in the development of laws, regulations and policies that impact First Nations people, lands, resources and waters, and also the division of powers does not include existing or pre existing First Nations' laws and principles; and,

**WHEREAS** First Nations' people, including AIAI member Nations' people, use a holistic approach to lands, resources and waters and this approach includes the participation and inclusion of elders who help to guide the principles and objectives of Indigenous Peoples within respected First Nations territories; and,

**WHEREAS** AIAI member Nations recognizes and affirms that the environmental protection of lands, resources and water, is of highest priority to ensure long-term sustainability of lands, resources and waters; and,

**WHEREAS** the AIAI recognizes and respects the autonomy of



each First Nation community as having inherent rights and as signatories to treaties, agreements and as such, each First Nation in Ontario has a unique legal and historical relationship to their people, lands, resources and waters within their territories, which include current reserves, original intent of reserve boundaries, traditional territories and treaty boundaries; and,

**WHEREAS** Canada and Ontario has regulated and benefited from the extraction of lands, resources and waters and both levels of government have not equally shared these benefits with First Nations in Ontario; and,

**WHEREAS** in 2009 the Government of Ontario announced a \$30 million dollar commitment towards resource revenue sharing with First Nations in Ontario, but did not identify how or when the \$30 million dollar commitment would be distributed; and,

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs of Ontario did host a policy forum on May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 and during that forum the Chiefs in attendance outlined principles and discussion points for the Chiefs of Ontario and the Resource Revenue Sharing Task Force to include in a draft a resolution for approval of the Chiefs in Ontario at the All Ontario Chiefs Conference on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> 2010; and,

**WHEREAS** the Chiefs in attendance at the Chiefs of Ontario Policy forum did agree that the Métis Nations are recognized by Canada's Constitutions, legislations and policies, but First Nations in Ontario maintain their exclusive rights to lands, resources and waters that are inherent to First Nations and also may be recognized in treaties with the Crown or other agreements.

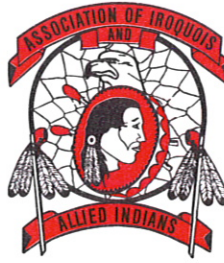
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the AIAI member Nations requests the Chiefs in Ontario Office and the Resource Revenue Sharing Task Force to develop a plan to identify First Nations collective rights and principles to lands, resources and waters, while also respecting the autonomy of individual First Nations to negotiate and discuss resource agreements, Impact Benefit Agreements, or other agreements as they deem reasonable for their First Nation;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the AIAI member Nations requests the Chiefs in Ontario Office and the Resource Revenue Sharing Task Force to develop, for consideration by Chiefs of First Nations, a Resource Revenue Sharing strategy that protects the

collective rights of First Nations in Ontario and the strategy shall include the following:

- Develop principles on working together amongst First Nations;
- Develop principles on long-term environmental and resource sustainability;
- Develop principles regarding shared territories;
- Develop a strategy or plan on how to exercise political discipline when collective rights are at stake;
- Greater dialogue and respect for each First Nations laws and principles;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that any discussions on lands, resources and waters are not to conflict with negotiations by individual or collective First Nations and that no Political Territorial Organization (PTO), the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), or the Chiefs of Ontario Office (COO) has the right to negotiate agreements on behalf of or for individual First Nations, nor do PTOs, the AFN, or the COO have the right to consult on behalf of individual First Nations in Ontario.



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Resolution No. 08/10

**Subject: Support Oneida to Access Funding for a Family Health Team**

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

**WHEREAS** the Oneida Nation of the Thames is applying for a Family Health Team under the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (MOHLTC) and jointly with the Southwestern Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC), and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Laurie Carr  
Hiawatha First Nation

**WHEREAS** the Oneida Nation of the Thames currently has no primary health care services in the community; and,

**WHEREAS** the Health care needs of Oneida have been recently well documented through a community survey and data analysis from the Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR), and a designation by MOHLTC of Oneida as an underserved area; and,

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Adopted on:**

**WHEREAS** the high prevalence of chronic diseases including diabetes, kidney failure, and high utilization of emergency room services is clear evidence of the need for in-community primary care services at Oneida; and,

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**WHEREAS** the resources of the Family Health Team will be invaluable in assisting care for Elders at the Oneida Long-Term Care Home; and,

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**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**WHEREAS** a Family Health Team will increase access for community members and neighbouring communities without a physician, and will provide comprehensive and coordinated health care toward improved continuity of care, better managed chronic disease, healthier people, and reduced emergency room visits.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) support the application of Oneida Nation of the Thames for a Family Health Team both by way of a letter of support and through political lobbying.





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**Resolution No. 09/10**

**Subject: Canada's Participation in G8 and G20 Summits**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Councillor Gord Peters**  
**Delaware Nation**

**WHEREAS** the World's International Leaders will be gathering in Ontario on June 23-27/2010; and,

**WHEREAS** Canada has made statements to the international community that there are no human rights issues within Canada; and,

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Blaine Commandant**  
**Wahta Mohawks**

**WHEREAS** the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) and its member Nations categorically reject Canada's statements that there are no human rights issues in Canada; and,

**WHEREAS** First Nations treaty relationship with the Crown is based on a Nation-to-Nation relationship and Canada has violated that relationship including the treaties and inherent rights; and,

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**WHEREAS** Canada has failed to endorse the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

**June 4, 2010**  
**Oneida Nation of the Thames**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the AIAI and its member Nations accept and adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and,

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the AIAI, Chiefs and member Nation communities take every action necessary, and by any means necessary to demonstrate to world leaders of Canada's violations on Indigenous peoples' human rights and inherent rights, including the failure to honour treaties; and,

  
**Grand Chief Randall Phillips**

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that Canada must accept the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in its entirety.