



**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Passed by Consensus

**Resolution No. 001/17  
Subject: EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM  
POSITION PAPER**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Louise Hillier  
Caldwell First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Philip Franks  
Wahta Mohawks

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Resolution Adopted on:**  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>,  
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Grand Chief Joel Abram

**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**, First Nations have a pre-existing right to develop and deliver our own Indigenous education systems and traditions, which must be fully funded by the federal government as agreed upon through our existing treaties;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly of First Nations passed resolution 16/2016, entitled *Honourable Process to Develop Recommendations to Support First Nation Education Reform*, which mandates collaboration with Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to develop First Nations' regional engagement processes for the development of recommendations on how to reform First Nations' education systems and to achieve a statutory K-12 funding formula;

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs of Ontario passed resolution 21/16, entitled *COOPF-Continue Development on Education Systems and Funding*, which mandated the Chiefs Committee on Lifelong Learning to negotiate with Canada on the development of a funding methodology only, while leaving First Nation jurisdiction over education systems with First Nations. Further to this, the Chiefs of Ontario developed a *Building a Funding Framework* discussion guide to assist First Nations in their engagement discussions;

**WHEREAS**, as a first step, the Association held an Education Funding Reform Gathering on March 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to discuss and develop funding positions by undertaking a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis on INAC's existing funding methodologies, which continuously impede the effective delivery of the member First Nations' education budgets and programs; and

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**WHEREAS**, resulting from the Association's Education Funding Reform Gathering, an *AIAI Education Funding Reform Engagement Final Report* was developed. It provides recommendations on funding positions for issues identified, along with strategies for political review and/or approval for further actions to be undertaken.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians approve and advocate for the education funding reform positions as presented in the *AIAI Education Funding Reform Engagement Final Report*; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly accepts and approves the *AIAI Education Funding Reform Engagement Final Report*, and directs the Chiefs Council to advocate and lobby AIAI's positions directly to the federal government.



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**Resolution No. 002/17  
Subject: ADOPTING HEALTH AS A PRIORITY IN  
THE BI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIP**

**MOVED BY:**

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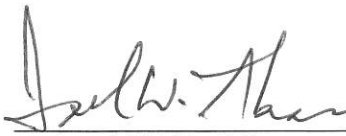
**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, 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 Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR), formerly the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs;

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution No. 03/16, entitled *Supporting the Bilateral Relationship with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the Priorities Set out in the Joint Strategic Work Plan*, the following issues were confirmed by Chiefs Council as top priorities:

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



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**WHEREAS**, a motion to adopt Health as a priority area in the bi-lateral relationship was passed at the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Chiefs Council meeting;

**WHEREAS**, member First Nations face many challenges that negatively impact their citizens' health and wellbeing, and that require immediate and meaningful address. These challenge areas include, but are not limited to:

- Safe Drinking Water
- Mental Health and Life Promotions





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- Elders Housing Support and Care
- Elders Abuse Prevention
- Long-Term Care

**WHEREAS**, the priorities for the bilateral relationship are to be confirmed each year by the Chiefs Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the bilateral process will include member First Nation community members/experts in the Joint Technical Working Group meetings to ensure that community perspectives are included in the process.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Health be added as priority area in the bilateral relationship and be included in the Joint Strategic Work Plan;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Policy Unit will report the progress of the bilateral relationship priorities at Chiefs Council meetings to ensure the Chiefs Councils' positions are being advanced in all areas, including Health; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly supports the inclusion of Health priorities as part of the bilateral process with MIRR.



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**Resolution No. 003/17  
Subject: NEED FOR LONG TERM CARE HOME  
LICENSES AND CAPITAL IN FIRST NATIONS  
COMMUNITIES**

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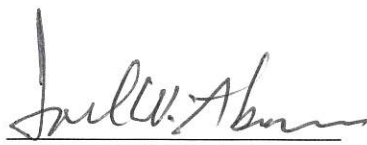
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**WHEREAS**, First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not and cannot be surrendered;

**WHEREAS**, existing home services do not provide 24 hour care in the member First Nations' communities;

**WHEREAS**, there are significant limitations for member First Nations' most vulnerable community members, including seniors and elders, to turn to for long-term full time home care when they need it most;

**WHEREAS**, there are 26,000 people on a waiting list for long term care (LTC) placement in Ontario. Despite this wait list growing daily, Ontario has no plan to address the dire need for LTC home care in First Nations communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Province is not issuing any new LTC licenses at this time, even to First Nation communities. It is Ontario's current policy to focus funding investment on aging within the home; and

**WHEREAS**, capital subsidies for the construction of an LTC home are paid to the developer with a 25% equity requirement, creating significant financial barriers for First Nations to build LTC homes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly supports the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Chiefs Council to place political pressure on the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MHLTC) and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) to issue new Long Term Care (LTC) Home licenses to First Nations;

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**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly supports the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Chiefs Council to place political pressure on Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to provide First Nations in Ontario with capital investments for LTC homes in communities; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly supports the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Chiefs Council to pressure relevant Federal Ministers to work with member First Nations, relevant AIAI staff, and relevant Provincial ministries to ensure member First Nations' LTC needs are addressed through a collaborative strategic plan.





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**Resolution No. 004/17**  
**Subject: CANCER CARE IN AIAI COMMUNITIES**

**MOVED BY:**  
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**WHEREAS**, Cancer Care Ontario has entered into a Letter of Relationship with the Association to build on existing and new programs and joint initiatives to improve and advance cancer care, chronic disease prevention, and health initiatives with the Association, its member First Nations, and their citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations are in support of a formalized relationship with Cancer Care Ontario in order to improve and address growing cancer rates within their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) has a set of standards that establish how First Nations' data should be collected, protected, used, or shared. The standards include four components: Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Chiefs Council advocate and stress the need for research and data collection that adheres to OCAP principles, so as to better procure necessary supports for addressing rising cancer rates in the member First Nations' communities; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Health/Social Advisory Board to continue to be a resource to the Chiefs Council and the member First Nations, to identify areas of improvement, and to provide recommendations related to cancer care.

  
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**Resolution No. 005/17  
Subject: YOUTH COUNCIL FUNDING**

**MOVED BY:**

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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 General Assembly passed resolution 09/2011, entitled *Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Youth Council*, to recognize that our First Nation Youths' perspectives and contributions will support the future wellbeing of our Nations, as well as to support the development of an Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Youth Council (AIAI Youth Council);

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

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly supported resolution 02/2016, entitled *Youth Resolution*, to seek additional funding to support youth representatives, to ensure they are engaged in a meaningful way, and to assure that their perspectives are included and implemented through a strategic plan;

**WHEREAS**, youth representatives from each of the member First Nations participated in the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Youth Symposium 2016-17 and committed to moving forward with the development of an ongoing AIAI Youth Council; and

**WHEREAS**, member First Nations have an inherent responsibility to ensure that their youth are engaged in a meaningful way and are provided the financial and human resources support to advocate and advance their needs and perspectives, as well as those of their Nations.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians use part of its unrestricted funds to support the development of an AIAI Youth Council;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chiefs Council encourage its Youth Council to develop its own strategic plans and focus areas;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians identify \$25,000 immediately to allow the Youth Council to develop and carry out its strategic plan, which will include traveling to visit and engage communities, and that a final budget be negotiated and approved by Chiefs Council; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Political Executive will lobby the provincial and federal governments for additional multi-year funding for the AIAI Youth Council.



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Resolution No. 006/17  
Subject: IMPROVING BROADBAND INTERNET  
ACCESS WITHIN THE MEMBER NATION  
COMMUNITIES

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MOVED BY:


Chief Randall Phillips  
Oneida Nation of the  
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Chief Greg Peters  
Delaware Nation of the  
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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**, on December 21, 2016, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC) declared that broadband Internet access is considered a basic and essential telecommunication service for all Canadians;

**WHEREAS**, the CRTC is creating a new fund under an initiative called *Closing the Broadband Gap* that will invest up to \$750 million over the next five years to ensure its universal service objective targets for telecommunications access are reached in all areas of the country and to support existing government programs related to telecommunications access;

**WHEREAS**, the CRTC is an administrative tribunal that regulates and supervises broadcasting and telecommunications in the public interest. The CRTC is administered through the Minister of Canadian Heritage;

**WHEREAS**, a lack of communication technology and infrastructure has a profoundly negative impact on citizens of the member Nations, inhibiting the development of businesses, as well as access to educational, health, mental health and social resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband Internet services are necessary to improving the quality of life for First Nation citizens.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to identify current federal and provincial broadband Internet infrastructure funding and programs for First Nations and provide an update to the Chiefs Council for further direction; and

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**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs Chiefs Council meet with the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the CRTC tribunal, and other relevant government Ministries and Departments to advocate for improved broadband Internet infrastructure and to secure capital funding for improving the broadband Internet services within the member First Nation communities.





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**Resolution No. 007/17  
Subject: TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUID  
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

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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 assert their right to self-determination and to assume full control over their lands, waters, airs, and all of their relations;

**WHEREAS**, the member Nations have always and continue to serve as environmental stewards and remain vigilant in protecting their lands and waterways to ensure they remain healthy and prosperous for the seven generations to come;

**WHEREAS**, radioactive waste management is a new issue to humankind which deals with the massive accumulation of toxic waste and fuel;

**WHEREAS**, the storage and transportation of liquid radioactive waste is a critical matter to the member First Nations and poses substantial threats to the environment and to the health and wellbeing of First Nations citizens as radioactive waste and materials are not easily disposed of or treatable, and pose detrimental long-term effects to the environment and waterways;

**WHEREAS**, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission does not respect our protocols and traditional ecological knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the AIAI resolution 05/2015, entitled *AIAI Rejects All Nuclear Waste Repositories in our Waterways and Territories*, demonstrates the General Assembly's opposition to nuclear waste activities in or around the Great Lakes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Chiefs Council to communicate the opposition of the transportation of liquid radioactive waste

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throughout our territories, as well as the burial of nuclear waste in the Great Lakes territory;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Chiefs Council to call on both the federal and provincial governments to establish a process that respects the Nation-to-Nation relationship, and to communicate that it is unacceptable that important decisions regarding radioactive waste be left to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly supports First Nations, as well as First Nation youth and grassroots citizens, who stand united in the opposition of the transportation and abandonment of radioactive waste in their territories.



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**Resolution No. 008/17  
Subject: SUPPORTING THE REWRITING OF  
NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN'S GRAVESIDE PLAQUE**

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**SECONDED BY:**

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Delaware 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**, in 1879, Nicholas Flood Davin submitted the report entitled *Report on Industrial Schools for Indians and Half-Breeds* to the Canadian Government, which recommended establishing an "Indian School" system;

**WHEREAS**, Davin's report set the foundation for the residential school system, which was an education system in name only, and truly a means of forced assimilation and cultural genocide by the Canadian Government; and

**WHEREAS**, long-standing advocate for First Nations Child Welfare and Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, Cindy Blackstock, has fought to have Nicholas Flood Davin's graveside plaque re-written to recognize his role in the creation of residential schools and the cultural genocide that ensued.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly supports and applauds Cindy Blackstock in her efforts to reveal the full truth of Canada's dark history by having Nicholas Flood Davin's graveside plaque re-written to acknowledge his role in establishing the residential school system and the cultural genocide that followed.

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**Resolution No. 009/17  
Subject: EXPLORATORY WORK ON MODERN  
DAY TREATY**


**MOVED BY:**

**Councillor Janne Peters  
Caldwell First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Chief Laurie Carr  
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**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians acknowledge and recognize each Nation's sovereign rights and responsibilities to manage and protect their respective territories;

**WHEREAS**, the sovereignty of each member Nation is fundamentally rooted in the inherent rights given to the first peoples of Turtle Island by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, the member Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians have existing treaties and agreements with the Crown governments;

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Nations' treaty relationships with the Crown are based on the Nation-to-Nations relationships with Canada, and various Crown entities, including provincial governments and Crown Corporations representing Crown interests, who have violated that relationship;

**WHEREAS**, various Nations have implemented modern treaties with the intention of re-establishing and affirming their sovereign rights, which may have been lost as a result of language interpretation, or were excluded from past treaty making; and

**WHEREAS**, modern day treaty signers have created limitations on their inherent rights or their extinguished rights, through various clauses such as the non-derogation clause or the non-assertion clause.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of

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DAY TREATY**

Iroquois and Allied Indians and the Chiefs Council to begin exploratory work into modern day treaty opportunities without prejudice.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that this process include formulating a working group, which will create a terms of reference to be reviewed and approved by Chiefs Council, as well as a research paper on modern day treaty opportunities. The research paper is to be completed within six (6) months after the terms of reference is approved, and will be presented to the Chiefs Council for further direction; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the work of this working group is exploratory in nature only and will not hinder or extinguish any pre-existing treaty rights or agreements of the member First Nations.



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**Resolution No. 010/17  
Subject: AIAI/MEMBER FIRST NATION  
COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENTS**

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Councillor Blaine  
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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 Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians is mandated as a Provincial Territorial Organization (PTO) to defend and enhance the Indigenous and treaty rights of our member Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians has a mission to protect and enhance the inherent rights, languages, cultures, lands, and laws of its member Nations so they may continue to exercise full jurisdiction in accordance to their traditional laws and practices with respect to their land, water, air, fire, and peoples;

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians provides political representation and policy analysis to the member First Nations in areas of health, social development, education, intergovernmental affairs, treaty rights, etc., and also works closely with other PTOs and advocacy bodies to advance the collective rights of the member Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly recognizes the strengths in advancing member Nations' collective interests with an ethic of unity and collaboration, but respects the diversity and sovereignty of each member Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly recognizes and affirms that member Nations are the sole Indigenous rights holders and treaty signatories. They require optimal support to assert these sovereign authorities and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly recognizes the need to increase the quality and consistency of communication between the Association and the member First Nations.



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Subject: AIAI/MEMBER FIRST NATION  
COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENTS**

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Political Executive immediately develop a communications strategy to improve the flow and consistency of communication with member First Nations and have this strategy approved by Chiefs Council for implementation;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Political Executive's communication strategy include provisions to increase the frequency of meetings with Chiefs Council and to increase the use of new and advanced methods of communication technology;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians will arrange meetings with all the member First Nations' Chiefs and Councils to facilitate the discussion of issues and the development of collective positions prior to all national and regional assemblies; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians use a portion of its available dollars to fund these communication improvements, as well as lobby for additional funds for this purpose.





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**Resolution No. 011/17  
Subject: ADVOCATING FOR DRUG PREVENTION  
AND SERVICE FUNDING**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Randall Phillips  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

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Resolution Adopted on:  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>,  
2017  
Caldwell 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;

**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 misuse and abuse of prescription and illegal drugs is a growing issue facing many First Nations communities. This sweeping issue has trickled into many facets of First Nations' wellbeing causes issues such as increases in drug-related crime, substance misuse, and addiction;

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians have limited community resources for the treatment, prevention, and after-care for community members who misuse and abuse prescription and illegal drugs;

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations recognise that maximizing drug prevention efforts and minimizing drug-related crime must be a collaborative effort amongst various community services, including policing, mental health and addiction services, public education, and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations agree that policing services play a critical role in harmonizing community safety, security, crime prevention, and the promotion of wellbeing.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Chiefs Council to aggressively and persistently advocate for immediate funds to be made available for policing services for member First Nations;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Chiefs Council to aggressively and persistently advocate for immediate funds to support community implemented programs for drug prevention and education; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly direct the Chiefs Council to aggressively and persistently advocate for immediate funds to support community "circle of care programs," including after care programs and housing, for individuals recovering from substance misuses.

Grand Chief Joel Abram





**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  
48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Passed by Consensus

**Resolution No. 012/17  
Subject: ADDITIONS TO RESERVE POLICY  
REFORM**

**MOVED BY:**

Brandon Doxtator  
(Youth Delegate)  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**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;

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Louise Hillier  
Caldwell First Nation

**WHEREAS**, Additions to Reserve (ATR) is a process for adding reserve land to a First Nation's reserve. Reserve creation can refer to either adding land to a First Nation's existing reserve land base or to creating a new reserve for a First Nation. The ATR process is the federal government's way of managing these requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the current ATR policy does not meet the needs of the member First Nations.

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to set-up a steering committee to review the current Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy and make recommendations to the Chiefs Council for ATR policy reform; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Chiefs Council to meet with the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the Department of Justice to advocate for policy reform of the ATR process to address the needs of the member Nation communities currently stalled by this process.

Grand Chief Joel Abram

