

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 001/2018**

Passed by: Consensus

**Subject: NESTLE WATER PRODUCT BOYCOTT**

**MOVED BY:**  
Councillor Kathryn Wilson  
Hiawatha First Nation

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

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:**  
June 11- 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, Nestlé is a massive multinational conglomerate making incredible profits by taking water from homelands at artificially low prices without Member Nations' consent or benefit, and selling it in environmentally unsustainable packages at significantly marked-up prices;

**WHEREAS**, water takings from Nestlé and other water bottling companies is cause for significant environmental concern, as water being sold abroad is not returning to the watersheds from which it comes, reducing regional freshwater resources;

**WHEREAS**, Nestlé is the largest corporate water bottling company in the world and has an extremely poor track record in respecting water rights, with its previous CEO Peter Brabeck-Letmathe suggesting that access to water is not a human right. Further, Nestlé is known to source its water from locations where water resources are scarce or challenged and have continued to do so even when directed by state officials to stop unauthorized extractions.

**WHEREAS**, The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) has acknowledged that limited research has been done regarding the effects of climate change and the availability of water resources in Ontario;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI Member Nations have experienced droughts and communities have seen their wells run dry in areas used by water bottling companies;

**WHEREAS**, it cannot be demonstrated that commercial water takings do not negatively impact adjacent/downstream aquifers, spring and surface stream

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 001/2018**

Passed by: Consensus

**Subject: NESTLE WATER PRODUCT BOYCOTT**

---

flows, fish, macroinvertebrates, aquatic habitats, and the ecosystems of creeks, streams, wetlands and lakes;

**WHEREAS**, as of May 2018, the AIAI Health/Social Advisory Board included a boycott of all Nestlé water products as a tactic in the Environmental Issues Impacting Health priority area of their strategic plan.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly supports a boycott of all North American Nestlé water products, including Acqua Panna, Arrowhead, Deer Park, Ice Mountain, Nestle Pure Life, Ozarka, Perrier, Poland Spring, San Pellegrino, and Zephyrills;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association and the Member Nations to cease and avoid the use and/or purchase of all Nestlé water products and develop a communication strategy to promote the boycott to a wider audience.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 002/2018**

**Subject: SAFE DRINKING WATER**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Denise Stonefish  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit  
(Delaware Nation)

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:**

**June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames**

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, safe drinking water is an internationally recognized basic human right and a cornerstone of health for all beings;

**WHEREAS**, unsafe drinking water exposes community members to contaminants such as Escherichia coli (E. coli), coliform, uranium, and Trihaomethanes. Trihaomthane, exposure to which has been found to increase the risk for cancers that First Nations people have been documented to have significantly higher incidence and mortality rates for;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI communities currently face issues including, but not limited to:

- Severely contaminated drinking water supply sources (ie. raw sewage dumping into river system & uranium identified in the drinking water)
- High rates of health issues related to poor quality drinking water
- Numerous wells that require decommissioning
- Inoperable aquifers due to drought
- On-and-off drinking water advisories lasting upwards of 15 years;

**WHEREAS**, none of AIAI communities' drinking water systems currently meet provincial drinking water standards.

**WHEREAS**, safe drinking water is a priority area of the AIAI Health/Social Advisory Board's Strategic Plan, affirmed by resolution 001/2016 *Affirming H/SAB's Priorities*.

Grand Chief Joel Abram





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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 002/2018**

**Subject: SAFE DRINKING WATER**

**WHEREAS**, the total collective cost for AIAI Member Nations drinking water needs was estimated to be over \$240 million by First Nation Engineering Service Ltd. (FNESL) in January, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 federal commitment to invest \$1.8 billion over 5 years in First Nations' water infrastructure, operations, and management and to end all long-term boil water advisories in First Nations communities by the year 2021 creates little to no resolve for AIAI communities' water issues.

**WHEREAS**, the federal ranking system through which First Nations are provided capital funding for water is a convoluted, overly complex, and discriminatory system that prevents First Nations from accessing funding required to bring their systems up to standard, and to maintain, monitor, and operate them.

**WHEREAS**, the AIAI 2018 Water Report identified nine solutions for securing safe drinking water for First Nations. These solutions have been presented to federal ministers, federal staff, and major media, but are yet to be considered for implementation by the Government of Canada. The solutions include increasing funding to implement the following:

1. Co-develop a new regulatory framework for drinking water that ensures funding for First Nations is triggered as soon as water does not meet quality standards;
2. Remove the federal ranking system as the formula for capital allocations.
3. Establish a needs-based budget to ensure safe drinking water in all First Nations;
4. Establish budgets for operations and maintenance to ensure water standards are maintained;
5. Invest in collaborative research with experts for new technological innovations;
6. Federal Government provide support for First Nations who chose to enter municipal partnerships;
7. Federal Government fulfill its fiduciary responsibility by funding 100 percent of capital projects;
8. Co-develop environmental regulations that protect ground/source water from contamination;
9. In the interim, money committed to ending long-term boil water advisories should be accessible to vulnerable First Nations.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

Resolution No. 002/2018

Subject: SAFE DRINKING WATER

---

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to fulfill its fiduciary obligation to provide funding to implement the nine solutions identified in the 2018 AIAI Water Report, including the establishment of a needs-based budget that ensures safe drinking water standards can be achieved and maintained in all First Nations, with 100% of the costs covered by the Federal Government;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to end the use of its discriminatory federal ranking formula as the system for funding First Nations drinking water and instead co-develop a new regulatory framework that ensures funding for First Nations is triggered as soon as water does not meet quality standards;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon the Federal and Provincial Governments to work with First Nations to co-develop the enforcement and implementation of environmental regulations that protect ground/source water from contamination and invest in collaborative research with experts for new technological innovations related to safe drinking water and water protection;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, as an interim measure, the General Assembly calls upon the Federal Government to make all monies committed to ending boil water advisories accessible to all vulnerable First Nations, and to support First Nations pursuing relationships with municipalities to secure safe water;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide funding to the Association to host a two-day water summit for AIAI community leaders and relevant staff to discuss water issues, solutions, and establish a plan for moving forward;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, no part of this resolution shall derogate from the Treaty rights and/or any existing agreements and/or negotiations involving any of the Member Nations.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 003/2018  
Subject: ELDER SUPPORTS**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Phillip Franks  
Wahta Mohawks

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

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:**  
**June 11 – 13, 2018**  
**Oneida Nation of the  
Thames**

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, Elder Abuse Prevention and Elders Housing and Care have been identified as priority areas in the Health/Social Advisory Board's Strategic Plan, which is supported by the AIAI Chiefs Council;

**WHEREAS**, the growing Elder and older adult population in AIAI communities is causing an increase in the need for additional senior supports, including: specialized family violence Elder Abuse Prevention training; full circle of care networks and advanced care planning; additional health infrastructure; additional in-home living supports; security services; culturally-based and trauma-informed care services, and traditional medicines;

**WHEREAS**, a 2017 AIAI-specific study indicated that over one-quarter of seniors surveyed do not feel safe in their communities, identifying threat or fear of abuse as one of the top reasons for this;

**WHEREAS**, in the same AIAI-specific study, over 40 percent of AIAI seniors indicated the need for more access to traditional medicines and over 42 percent of seniors reported being prevented from accessing medical services in some way;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Ontario has identified \$155 million over three years for Seniors supports and care through its *Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors*, none of which has been ear-marked for First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, established under the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in 1982, transitioned into a stand-alone ministry in



HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 003/2018**  
**Subject: ELDER SUPPORTS**

January 2017, called the Ministry of Seniors Affairs. This Ministry has been providing substantial funding dedicated to addressing senior needs across the Province, which were inaccessible to AIAI communities due to various technical and communication issues.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, AIAI is to develop a relationship with the Ministry of Seniors Affairs with a technical and political component, in order to improve communication and alleviate barriers to First Nations accessing seniors' wholistic support funding opportunities for areas including, but not limited to: specialized family violence Elder Abuse Prevention training; full circle of care networks and advanced care planning; additional health infrastructure; additional in-home living supports; security services; culturally-based and trauma-informed care services, and traditional medicines;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the AIAI Chiefs Council and Political Executive are to place political pressure on the Ministry of Seniors Affairs and other relevant Ministries, as appropriate, to advocate for additional First Nation-specific funding streams for seniors.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 004/2018**

**Subject: Jordan's Principle (2018)**


**MOVED BY:**

Chief R Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Philip Franks  
Wahta Mohawks

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:  
June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames**

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI), 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**, on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) found that the Federal Government of Canada was racially discriminating against First Nations children living on-reserves. It was in this decision, that the CHRT found Canada's implementation of Jordan's Principle to be flawed and inequitable, and therefore discriminatory under the Canadian Human Rights Act;

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

**WHEREAS**, AIAI has advocated for applying the full scope and meaning of Jordan's Principle as recognized by the General Assembly via Resolution 006/16, *Jordan's Principle*;

**WHEREAS**, since the January 2016 CHRT decision, Indigenous Services Canada (formerly Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) has set up a short-term (2016-2019) fund of \$382.5 million and established a process for dealing with Jordan's Principle Cases;

**WHEREAS**, since January 2017, AIAI has housed a Jordan's Principle Coordinator, to navigate, create awareness of, and support the Member Nations with Jordan's Principle cases;

**WHEREAS**, as of May 26, 2017, Canada has been ordered (2017 CHRT 14) to start using a definition based on the following principles:





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

Resolution No. 004/2018

Passed by: Consensus

Subject: Jordan's Principle (2018)

- i. Jordan's Principle applies equally to all First Nations children both on and off reserve and is not limited to First Nations children with disabilities, or short-term issues creating critical needs for health and social supports;
- ii. Jordan's Principle applies to all government services and ensures that there are no gaps in government services to First Nations children;
- iii. The government department of first contact will pay for the service to a First Nations child without engaging in administrative procedures before funding is provided;
- iv. In cases when a government service is not necessarily available to all other children, or is beyond the normative standard of care, the government of first contact will still evaluate the needs of the child to determine if the provision of services should be provided to ensure substantive equality;
- v. A jurisdictional dispute between departments or between governments is not a necessary requirement for the application of Jordan's Principle;

**WHEREAS**, since taking on a navigating role for Jordan's Principle cases, AIAI has experienced a number of implementation issues:

- i. Timeframes for review and approvals have not followed the CHRT ordered timelines of 12-48 hours resulting in significant delays in service and care for children and families;
- ii. Delays in payments for service providers;
- iii. Differing interpretations of 'gaps' in access of services;
- iv. No clear process for appeals.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to continue to advocate for immediate remediation of outstanding Jordan's Principle implementation issues and any other related issues as they arise;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to begin exploratory work on developing a process for the Member Nations to begin addressing health, social, and educational gaps for their children and communities;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to work with Indigenous Services Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch and other relevant governments and/or programs to determine funding for communities to build their own capacity to address their health, social, and education gaps, as well as all other relevant Jordan's Principle Cases.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.oiai.on.ca](http://www.oiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 005/2018**

Passed by: Consensus

**Subject: CHILD AND FAMILY REFORM**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Denise Stonefish  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit  
(Delaware Nation)

**SECONDED BY:**

Councillor Kathryn Wilson  
Hiawatha First Nation

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:**

June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, AIAI's Member Nations have always had the right and responsibility to provide and care for their children, youth, and families and have never relinquished this responsibility;

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) found that the Federal government of Canada was racially discriminating against First Nations children living on-reserve by providing child and family services that are substandard in comparison to services available to other children;

**WHEREAS**, the CHRT has ordered the Government of Canada to cease its discriminatory practices and to undergo a reform of the First Nation child and family services;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2017, the Technical Table on Child and Family Wellbeing was established, with the purpose of providing recommendations to leadership on policy and program reform for First Nation child and family services in Ontario. The technical table is comprised of technicians from Indigenous Services Canada (formerly Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada), Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and the Chiefs of Ontario Social Services Coordination Unit;

**WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2018, Ontario First Nation leadership and federal and provincial ministers signed a commitment document called *Commitment to Policy and Funding Reform First Nation Child and Family Services in Ontario*. This commitment document identifies a "shared commitment to developing new policy and funding approaches that provide the capacity to First Nation communities to deliver child-centred, community directed, more comprehensive,

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Resolution No. 005/2018

Passed by: Consensus

Subject: CHILD AND FAMILY REFORM

---

and prevision-focused child and family services”;

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly supports and encourages each of the Member Nations to create laws and systems that are responsive to the needs of their children, youth, and families based on their respective cultures, languages, and traditions. Supports for these initiatives, jurisdictions, and autonomy is essential to the wellbeing of their children and their communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Indigenous Services Canada to fully implement the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) orders and eliminate racial discrimination against First Nation children without further delay;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Indigenous Services Canada to immediately release the Member Nation’s 2018-2019 Immediate Relief Prevention funding as outlined by the Chiefs of Ontario Special Chiefs Assembly *Resolution 17/22, Immediate Relief Prevention Funding*;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Indigenous Services Canada to provide support and capacity for AIAI to take a proactive role in the on-going processes and discussions on policy and funding reform of First Nation child and family services in Ontario;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, to provide support and capacity for the Member Nations of AIAI in preparation for and in the implementation of policy and funding reform of First Nation child and family services in Ontario.





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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 006/2018**

**Subject: REMOTENESS QUOTIENT**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief Denise Stonefish  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit  
(Delaware Nation)

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Laurie Carr  
Hiawatha First Nation

Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:  
June 11- 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) found that the Federal government of Canada was racially discriminating against First Nations children living on-reserve by providing child and family services that are substandard in comparison to services available to other children;

**WHEREAS**, in May 2016, Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) joined the CHRT proceedings as an interested party;

**WHEREAS**, since joining the proceedings, NAN has sought to address the design and implementation of the CHRT's orders with a specific regard to the context of remote and northern communities in Ontario;

**WHEREAS**, NAN has advocated that a new remoteness quotient be developed to ensure funding to remote northern communities reflects the high costs of living and providing services in those communities;

**WHEREAS**, as of March 29, 2017, the CHRT was informed that NAN and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) have agreed to terms on the development and implementation of a remoteness quotient;

**WHEREAS**, the Member Nations also have unique needs and socio-economic realities that impact their ability to deliver services and the wellness of their communities. These unique needs and realities include but are not limited to:

- i. Large populations;
- ii. Isolation of communities;
- iii. Close proximity to large urban centres;
- iv. Presence of organized crime and drugs;



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

Resolution No. 006/2018

Passed by: Consensus

Subject: REMOTENESS QUOTIENT

- v. Erosion of the culture.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly recognizes the importance of Nishnawbe Aski Nation's (NAN) development of a remoteness quotient and is supportive of its intent to address the remote northern First Nation communities' realities of high costs of living and providing services in those communities;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly asserts, prior to any application of a remoteness quotient, the Remoteness Quotient Study needs to be completed, followed by a review and acceptance of the final results of the Study by Ontario First Nation leadership;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, following the acceptance of the Remoteness Quotient Study, the General Assembly asserts that:

- i) Further discussions on its implementation are required between First Nation leadership in on-going and future First Nation child and family service reform;
- ii) Any application of the 'Remoteness Quotient' needs to be implemented in a manner that is 'Over & Above' current and future funding allocations;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs INAC (Indigenous Services Canada & Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada) to take into consideration the unique needs and socio-economic realities of AIAI Member Nations and to provide funding that is based on substantive equality and to work with the Member Nations on addressing these needs and realities in order to improve service delivery and the wellbeing of their communities.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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


Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 007/2018  
Subject: SAFE, PROPER, AND AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING**

**MOVED BY:**  
Councillor Adele Madigan  
Batchewana First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**  
Councillor Kathryn Wilson  
Hiawatha First Nation

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:  
June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames**

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, AIAI Resolution 03/15, *Prioritizing Housing in Our Communities*, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program does not meet the needs of the member Nations' on-reserve housing demands;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has signalled through their Federal Budget 2018, they will be making investments to reduce overcrowding and housing on-reserve by investing an additional \$600 million over three years as part of a 10-year First Nation Housing Strategy;

**WHEREAS**, safe, proper, and affordable housing is a basic human right and has been affirmed through Treaties;

**WHEREAS**, overcrowding, homelessness, and poor housing conditions within the Member Nations remains an outstanding issue that often impacts the most vulnerable within their community and the wellbeing of their community as a whole.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Department of Indigenous Services of Canada and the other relevant ministries and departments to make immediate investments within the Member Nations to deal with on-going housing issues; including, substantial investments for repairs and renovations of existing homes, new builds, and the associated infrastructure requirements.



HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

Resolution No. 007/2018  
Subject: SAFE, PROPER, AND AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING

---

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the Federal Government to immediately remove the 2% cap on annual increases in departmental funding, and overhaul its capital allocation system to provide needs-based funding for housing and infrastructure that accounts for current deficits, population growth, and inflation;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs AIAI to take a proactive advocacy role in advancing solutions to the outstanding housing issues within the Member Nations;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs AIAI to begin exploratory work on alternate housing systems, programs, and processes that can better support the Member Nations' housing needs.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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


Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 008/2018**  
**Subject: REJECTION OF THE RECOGNITION**  
**AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIGENOUS**  
**RIGHTS FRAMEWORK**

**MOVED BY:**  
Chief Mary Duckworth  
Caldwell First Nation

**SECONDED BY:**  
Chief Denise Stonefish  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit  
(Delaware Nation)

**Certified Copy of a**  
**Resolution Adopted on:**  
**June 11-13, 2018**  
**Oneida Nation of the**  
**Thames**

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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**, treaty First Peoples and Nations possess and continue to maintain valid, legally enforceable Treaty and Treaty rights under international law;

**WHEREAS**, the relationship between First Nations and Canada must be governed by all international law and UN conventions, including: the International Convention on Social; Economic and Cultural rights; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; UN General Assembly Resolution 1803 (XVII) of 14 December, 1962 "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources"; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the Geneva Conventions; and the Convention of the Rights of the Child;

**WHEREAS**, consent is an integral part of the historic treaty process and is necessary for a true nation-to-nation relationship. The Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework (the Rights Framework) and associated processes openly reject full consent as a guiding principle;

**WHEREAS**, Canada's consultation and engagement processes cannot be considered consent and are meant to serve Canadian national interest by overriding First Peoples and Nations' sovereignty. Government engagement processes with non-rights holders and organizations, such as the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), do not constitute consultation and accommodation and cannot be used to obtain consent;

**WHEREAS**, The Canadian Constitution has completely failed to protect the relationship between First Peoples and Nations and Canada. The Canadian

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

Resolution No. 008/2018  
Subject: REJECTION OF THE RECOGNITION  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIGENOUS  
RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

---

Constitution reflects a 200-year-old structure and belief system that sees and treats First Peoples and Nations as inferior to Canadian state institutions;

**WHEREAS**, First Peoples and Nations' inherent rights and jurisdictions cannot be derived from the *Constitution Act, 1982*. The Rights Framework and associated processes continue to emphasize the supremacy of the Canadian constitutional framework and constrains the possibilities for self-determination among First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the Rights Framework and associated processes openly support the infringement of the inherent rights of First Peoples and Nations;

**WHEREAS**, only First Peoples and Nations can determine the processes of decolonization. The Rights Framework and associated processes have been established unilaterally by the Federal Government;

**WHEREAS**, the Rights Framework process purposely sidelines important questions of Aboriginal title, consent, treaty obligations, land rights, and access to natural resources.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly rejects the Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework (the Rights Framework) and will take all necessary steps to prevent the passing of the Rights Framework legislation scheduled to be introduced in Fall 2018;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that AIAI will: schedule discussion with like-minded First Nations groups and individuals to rally support; carry out an advocacy and awareness campaign; publicly assert their opposition to the Rights Framework; and develop and disseminate a true nation-to-nation framework.





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

Resolution No. 009/2018

Passed by: Consensus

Subject: DATA SYSTEM MODEL OPTIONS

**MOVED BY:**

Councillor Kathleen  
Doxator  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS**, the Member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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:**

Councillor Brent Stonefish  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit  
(Delaware Nation)

**WHEREAS**, Member Nations have expressed concerns that external federal and provincial organizations continue to possess and control First Nation education data. There is a need for Member Nations to assume their responsibilities in securing the necessary education data to build upon their education priorities and student success strategies;

**WHEREAS**, Member Nations agree on building ongoing and effective relationships with local, regional, and federal education organizations that focus on a student-centered approach and promote the ongoing success of First Nation students;

Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:

June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS**, Member Nations are seeking access to First Nations student data currently housed by federal and provincial school boards and to continue to build upon existing data protocols with provincial school boards developed by Member Nations;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI agrees to uphold the general principles of ownership, control, access and possession (OCAP) on the management and collection of data system model options;

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, Member Nations have expressed the need to secure their own students' data through a collective AIAI database system that will house and preserve the data, as well as identify agreed upon processes, protocols, and protections required.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly agrees to establish an education data system working group along with a Terms of Reference to oversee the development of data system model options, processes, and recommended next steps;

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE: (519) 434-2761  
FAX: (519) 675-1053

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

Resolution No. 009/2018

Passed by: Consensus

Subject: DATA SYSTEM MODEL OPTIONS

---

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, AIAI will facilitate an engagement process with Member Nations to assist in the development and ratification of an AIAI database system;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to research the development of data system model options based on the above principles and to present the findings to Member Nations on the recommended AIAI database system for ratification and participation.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 010/2018**

Passed by: Consensus

**Subject: ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGIES**

**MOVED BY:**

Councillor Kathleen  
Doxtator  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS**, the Member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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 Dean Sayers  
Batchewana First Nation

**WHEREAS**, Member Nation Youth are experiencing a lack of accessibility to meetings, events, and opportunities due to historical impacts of colonization, assimilation, residential schools, and intergeneration trauma;

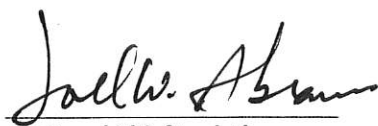
**WHEREAS**, the Federal and Provincial Governments have continuously discriminated against people with disabilities and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) fails to adequately address the issues of accessibility and inclusivity of First Nations languages;

Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS**, the AIAI Accessibility Youth Forum held by the AIAI Youth Council (AIAIYC) identified accessibility barriers based on a wholistic approach on well-being for Member Nation Youth to be fully engaged in meetings and events.

**WHEREAS**, the accessibility barriers identified by the AIAIYC Accessibility Forum Report include: lack of supports, cultural inclusiveness, access to traditional knowledge, and access to language;

**WHEREAS**, in Member Nation communities there is limited accessibility and networking. There is a need to promote, educate, and provide accessibility options in the communities.

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The General Assembly supports the continued work of the AIAIYC in building accessibility strategies;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to secure the necessary funding to continue the work and support a yearly accessibility forum for Member Nation Youth;



HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 010/2018**

Passed by: Consensus

**Subject: ACCESSIBILITY STRATEGIES**

---

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly supports the AIAYC to develop accessibility strategies to ensure inclusive participation of Member Nation Youth in meeting and events.

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 011/2018**

Passed by: Consensus

**Subject: INCOME SECURITY FOR OUR ELDERS**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

**SECONDED BY:**

Councillor Olive Elm  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:  
June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AI AI) 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**, prior to the 1990s, status Indians who earned an income on-reserve could not pay into the Canadian Pension Plan;

**WHEREAS**, as older status Indians began transitioning from gainful employment into retirement, many are at a disadvantage as they did not have the opportunity to invest into the Canadian Pension Plan or other pension plans earlier in their lives;

**WHEREAS**, it is unacceptable that many older adults and elders from AI AI communities are now at-risk of living in deep poverty and in critical need;

**WHEREAS**, all First Nation people deserve to be financially secure and achieve the highest standard of wellbeing.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AI AI to include income security for elders and older adults as a significant issue under the Health and Social Advisory Board's Elder Priority areas;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Political Executive to establish relationships with the relevant provincial ministries and federal departments and advocate for supplementing First Nation pensions and providing additional supports to ensure that no elders or older adults within our communities ever experience poverty and/or undue hardship.

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.oiai.on.ca](http://www.oiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

**Resolution No. 011/2018**

**Passed by: Consensus**

**Subject: INCOME SECURITY FOR OUR ELDERS**

---





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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 012/18  
Subject: CAPITAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT  
EXPANDING POPULATIONS**

**MOVED BY:**

Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte

**SECONDED BY:**

Chief Denise Stonefish  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit  
(Delaware Nation)

**Certified Copy of a  
Resolution Adopted on:**

June 11 – 13, 2018  
Oneida Nation of the  
Thames

  
Grand Chief Joel Abram

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) 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 Government of Canada has previously legislated the forced enfranchisement and removal of Indian Status from First Nations people as a deliberate means of assimilation and eradication;

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada has since made several attempts to amend their discriminatory legislation and reinstate Indian Status to those impacted. Legislative amendments were mainly established through Bill C-31, *An Act to Amend the Indian Act, 1985* and Bill C-3, *Gender Equality in Indian Registration Act, 2017*. These acts have since caused massive influxes in band membership across Canada;

**WHEREAS**, Bill S-3, *An Act to amend the Indian Act in response to the Superior Court of Quebec in Descheneaux* is another act that aims to add more members to First Nations' membership rolls, further exacerbating the issue;

**WHEREAS**, according to Statistics Canada, the number of First Nations people with registered or Treaty Indian status rose by 30.8% from 2006 to 2016;

**WHEREAS**, according to Statistics Canada, the Indigenous population is growing at 4 times the rate of the non-Indigenous population. Since 2006, the Indigenous population in Canada has grown by 42.5%;

**WHEREAS**, according to population projections, the number of First Nations people will continue to grow quickly in the next two decades due to increased life expectancies and high birth rates;

HEAD OFFICE:  
ONEIDA NATION OF THE THAMES  
[www.aiai.on.ca](http://www.aiai.on.ca)



387 PRINCESS AVENUE  
LONDON, ONTARIO  
N6B 2A7

PHONE:(519) 434-2761  
FAX:(519) 675-1053

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

Passed by: Consensus

**Resolution No. 012/18  
Subject: CAPITAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT  
EXPANDING POPULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Indigenous population is one of the youngest populations in Canada and is likely to exceed 2.5 million persons by 2037;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government's 2% cap on funding increases has, since 1996, compounded the impacts of population growth and the chronic underfunding of First Nations programs, services, and infrastructure.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to secure a meeting with the Government of Canada to discuss and address the ongoing and worsening capital funding deficits to First Nations, the removal of the 2% cap on infrastructure funding increases, and to develop solutions to address the needs of the rapidly expanding First Nation population;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Political Executive and Chiefs Council to advocate for needs-based capital funding that addresses ongoing infrastructure deficits, population growth, and projected population growth.