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Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 06/15

**Passed by Consensus** 

Subject: Addressing the Surplus Funding from the Personal Education Credit to Support First Nations Residential School Survivors and their Families

MOVED BY: Councillor Greg Agawa Batchewana First Nation

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

Certified Copy of a Resolution Adopted on:

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Batchewana 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, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations 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 created the Indian Residential School system which has impacted the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of First Nation peoples;

WHEREAS, in June 2008, the Government of Canada has recognized their responsibility through their apology for the trauma resulting from the Indian Residential Schools and created an Indian Residential Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) consisting of \$1.9 billion for a Common Experience Payment (CEP) for the survivors of the residential school experience;

WHEREAS, the IRSSA Article 5.07(1) indicates that if there is an excess from the CEP of over \$40 million, that all CEP recipients are eligible for a non-cash Personal Credit for education purposes for up to \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in January 2015, the Assembly of First Nation (AFN) has reported that there is an unspent balance of \$323 million in the CEP Designated Amount Fund which will be transferred to the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund (NIBTF) to be used for education programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly recognizes the ongoing mental, physical and emotional impacts placed on our First Nations residential survivors and their families and they continues to require ongoing support resulting from their experiences; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that correspondence be sent to the Government of Canada from the Association outlining that any unspent funding from the Common Experience Payments be paid directly to all Survivors and/or their heirs, if they are deceased.

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Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 05/15

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Critical Path for Jurisdiction of Child Welfare

MOVED BY: Chief Greg Cowie Hiawatha First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Sherri Doxtator Oneida Nation of the Thames

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

WHEREAS, Ontario's *Child and Family Service Act (CFSA)* infringes on the inherent self-governing rights of Indigenous Nations and limits the exercise of their jurisdiction over the care and protection of their children by imposing standards and limits which conflict with Indigenous Nations laws and customs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Chiefs Council and the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to develop a *Critical Path for Jurisdiction of Child Welfare* which will support all AIAI Member Nations in their excise and pursuit of Jurisdiction over Child Welfare; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to identify and make application to secure funds that will build and support the development of a *Critical Path for Jurisdiction of Child Welfare*.

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Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians  ${\bf 46}^{\rm th}\,$  ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 04/15

Subject: AIAI Rejects All Nuclear Waste Repositories in our Waterways and Territories

Passed by Consensus

MOVED BY: Chief Dean Sayers Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Sherri Doxtator Oneida Nation of the Thames

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WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations 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 are taking measures to protect our lands and waterways to ensure they remain healthy for the seven generations to come;

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

WHEREAS, the AIAI member First Nations support the "We are the Land Declaration", which was supported by the Chiefs-in-Assembly through Resolution 10/19;

WHEREAS, the member First Nations recognize that the Nuclear Waste Management Organization does not respect our protocols and traditional ecological knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the member First Nations and a group of international bands formed a commission that is adamantly opposed to any kind of nuclear waste stored near the great lakes basin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the AIAI General Assembly oppose the storage, burial or deposit of nuclear waste in or around our Great Lakes territory;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOVLED**, the General Assembly directs the Association's Communications Coordinator to develop a strategic communication plan that will be promoted and advocated by the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the Association to take steps to establish an Environment Sector in order to address the environmental issues that impact our lands and waterways;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Environment Sector to develop a strategic plan that will identify the required tasks and best practices that will ensure the environmental health of our lands and waterways;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the Environmental Sector to support the member First Nations of AIAI to develop community based environmental laws and regulations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Environmental Sector to coordinate with First Nations organizations in order to bring awareness to the environmental issues that impact our lands and waterways.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 03/15

Passed by Consensus

**Subject: Prioritizing Housing in Our Communities** 

MOVED BY: Councillor Vernon Syrette Batchewana First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Cowie Hiawatha First Nation

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WHEREAS, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact with external governments and entities. That self-determination and sovereignty remains today, and has not been surrendered;

WHEREAS, under Section 95 of National Housing Act, The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Agency (CMHC) administers the *On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program* to assist First Nations in the construction, purchase, rehabilitation, and administration of rental housing on-reserve;

**WHEREAS**, under the *On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program*, the maximum number of housing units available is four (4) at a maximum unit price of \$120,000;

**WHEREAS**, due to the limitations of CMHC *On-Reserve Non-Profit Housing Program* – Member Nations are unable to meet the demand to provide on-reserve housing to many of their community members, thus forcing them to live off-reserve; and

WHEREAS, safe and proper housing is a basic human right and has been affirm through our Treaties. The continual lack of funding support from the federal government for adequate on-reserve housing is a violation of our human and treaty rights and needs to be rectified immediately.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly affirms that *Housing* be made a priority issue for the Association and its Member Nations; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly directs the Chiefs Council and the Association to formalize a working group tasked with developing a strategic plan for addressing the housing issues Member Nations are experiencing.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 02/15

**Passed by Consensus** 

**Subject: Supporting the Indigenous Reclamation Process** 

MOVED BY: Chief Sherri Doxtator Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Cowie Hiawatha First Nation

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May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Batchewana First Nation Iroquois and Allied Indians affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nation by the Creator; the self-determination of Indigenous Nations pre-exists contact. Self-determination and sovereignty remains today and has not been surrendered; and

WHEREAS, the member First Nations of the Association of

WHEREAS, the member First Nations agree that the Indigenous Reclamation process is the appropriate vehicle to advance the interests of our peoples and communities to advance their interests as they relate to self-determination and jurisdiction.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly affirms the Reclamation process will be inclusive of all sectors within the Association;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly directs the Chiefs Council to develop a strategic work plan and identify annual priorities that will be actioned through a technical working group;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Annual General Assembly directs the Association to formalize a technical working group that is inclusive of technicians from our member nations to carry-out the priorities identified by the Chiefs Council:

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Annual General Assembly directs the Association to develop a repository for the exchanging of information and to coordinate forums for the sharing of each community's best practices; and

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the Association to identify and make application to secure funds that will build capacity for the technical working group to carry out the required priority tasks.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution No. 01/15

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Entrenching and Recognizing the Value of our Youth

MOVED BY: Chief Sherri Doxtator Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Chief Greg Cowie Hiawatha First Nation

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 09/11 Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Youth Council recognized the value of our First Nation Youth's perspectives and contributions will support the future wellbeing of our Nations' and is furthermore a fulfillment of our inherent responsibility;

**WHEREAS**, defining the roles and responsibilities of the AIAI Youth within the AIAI Constitution fulfills Resolution 09/11;

WHEREAS, by ensuring our Youth are recognized and heard by all leadership including the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians leadership in a meaningful way throughout and wherever possible in the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association recognizes the need for the inclusion of AIAI youth in the AIAI Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Association's General Assembly direct the Constitutional Committee to examine and to make recommendations on the voting responsibilities of the youth. This includes addressing any liability concerns and other related issues that may arise to include the youth in the Constitution;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Association appoint a youth representative from the member nations to the Constitutional Committee; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that an update be provided to the Association's Chiefs Council on the proposed amendments to the constitution with a completion date prior to the 2016 Association's Annual General Meeting to be held in Wahta Mohawks First Nation for approval.



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Passed by Consensus** 

Resolution No. 07/15

**Subject: Community Safety** 

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Doxtator Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cameron Stonefish Delaware Nation

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**WHEREAS**, the self-determination of Indigenous Nations 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 recognize that policing is a part of First Nations jurisdiction to establish stand-alone essential services to police our communities;

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations agree that community safety is more than policing and includes community wellness, fire services, and emergency medical services;

WHEREAS, the member First Nations agree that the Ontario First Nations Policing Agreement (herein referred to as OFNPA) is not a fair and equitable agreement and does not serve the interests of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Nations under the OFNPA agree to broaden our scope on the type/form of policing services for consideration.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the establishment of a Working Group to research and identify alternatives to policing agreements other than the OFNPA.