

**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
52nd Annual General Assembly**

Resolution No. 001/2021

**Subject: Indigenous
Veterans Day**

Passed by CONSENSUS

MOVED BY:
Councillor Robyn Perkins
Caldwell First Nation

SECONDED BY:
Chief Dean Sayers
Batchewana First Nation

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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 have a right to self-determination and continue to exercise that right. First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, Indigenous Veterans Day was established on November 8th, 1994, to honour and remember Indigenous Veterans across Turtle Island;

WHEREAS, we, as Indigenous People, recognize and honour the many warriors who paved the way for our nationhood. There are many warriors who willingly went to war on behalf of their Nations and sacrificed their lives to protect the Indigenous ways of life;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge Missing in Action Warriors, including the children of residential schools as front line warriors. These individuals were the ones who paved the way for our nationhood albeit unknowingly and unwillingly. They were the casualties in the fight for our rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Some of them vanished and are only now being discovered today;

WHEREAS, we, as Indigenous People, honour and remember all Indigenous Veterans and Warriors that served as far back as the Indian Wars. We honour and remember those who continue to serve their communities and sacrifice in the name of their Nations, our sovereignty, and Indigenous ways of life;

WHEREAS, while Canada has an ongoing responsibility to uphold,

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respect, and recognize the contributions of Indigenous Peoples that have made an impact upon our shared history, Indigenous Peoples have inherent responsibilities to honour our ancestors and those who fought for us to continue to live the way our ancestors intended now and for the next seven generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls upon each AIAI member First Nation to share information on Indigenous Warriors with AIAI to support initiatives that honour them as they deserve, as is our custom, in honour of their service to all our Allies and, where appropriate, the Crown in times of great peril;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call upon all Indigenous Nations and communities across Turtle Island to adopt and participate in Indigenous Veterans Day to honour and remember those who paved the way and continue to protect our Indigenous rights, freedoms, and ways of life for generations to come;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call on AIAI leadership and technicians to develop an approach for honouring Indigenous peoples, Warriors, and Veterans so the significance of their contributions may be remembered, honoured, and celebrated each year on Indigenous Veterans Day (November 8th).



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Resolution No. 002/2021

Passed by CONSENSUS

Subject: National Indigenous Health Legislation

MOVED BY:
Chief Phillip Franks
Wahta Mohawks

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:
Councillor Harvey Bell
Batchewana First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations have never transferred and always maintained inherent jurisdiction over the health and wellbeing of their citizens. First Nations have the right and authority to develop and operate systems that protect and respond to the needs of their citizens;

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WHEREAS, First Nations citizens face staggering gaps in every health and social determinant of health indicator category. This is due to ongoing oppression subjected by colonial law and discriminatory policies that significantly underfund essential service areas;

WHEREAS, all AIAI member First Nation citizens should enjoy the highest attainable standards of health and social determinants of health;

WHEREAS, AIAI member First Nations have Nation-to-Nation relationships with the Crown enshrined in Treaties. The Crown, as represented by the Government of Canada, has a fiduciary responsibility to uphold the Honour of the Crown by ensuring the rights of First Nations are respected. The AIAI member First Nations are committed to ensuring Treaty relationships are upheld;

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WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is initiating a process for the co-development of National distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation. Indigenous Services Canada is leading the process, carrying out engagement throughout 2021 and introducing draft legislation to parliament by December 2022;

WHEREAS, previous federal co-development processes have been characterized by power imbalances that undermine First Nations voices and produce legislation



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that fails to address First Nation needs and concerns. This includes, but is not limited to, mandatory resourcing and funding guarantees, respect for Indigenous jurisdictional authority and the Treaty relationship, and detailed directives for the Government of Canada to address its responsibilities and uphold the Honour of the Crown.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the AIAI member First Nations refuse to accept colonial systems and the responsibility for failings of external governments that have resulted in the staggering health consequences experienced by our citizens today;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, AIAI member First Nations reject the language of “co-development” and refuse to participate in legislative development processes that further power imbalances in favour of the Crown;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the AIAI member First Nations are willing to enter a process of engagement that provides the federal government with a wholistic picture of health needs as First Nations define them and to work as full partners with the federal government, in accordance with Treaty relationships, on the development of National health legislation that is responsive to these needs;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association to:

- 1) advocate for AIAI member First Nations’ health funding needs demanding address of gaps in all essential service areas and all areas impacting health
- 2) advocate and advance AIAI member First Nation positions on health legislation as outlined here and as established through engagement processes,
- 3) submit a funding request to Indigenous Services Canada to support fulsome First Nation-led engagement processes pertaining to health legislation development with a PTO-led component;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association to report back to the General Assembly on this work and any progress regarding National distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation development at the AIAI Annual General Assembly 2022.



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Resolution No. 003/2021

Subject: AIAI Land-Based Learning Initiatives to
Promote Student Mental Health

Passed by CONSENSUS

MOVED BY:
Chief Laurie Carr
Hiawatha First Nation

SECONDED BY:
Chief Philip Franks
Wahta Mohawks

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WHEREAS, First Nations have a right to self-determination and continue to exercise that right. First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, First Nations have always inherently known land-based learning as an experiential, visual, and intergenerational practice that is integral to well-being;

WHEREAS, the Ontario government is currently considering amendments to the *Education Act* to make synchronous remote learning a permanent option for the 2021-22 school year and Education Minister Lecce continues to promote outdoor education as an alternative avenue;

WHEREAS, leading children's health institutions such as, SickKids Hospital, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, McMaster Children's Hospital, and the Canadian Pediatric Society have stated they are witnessing a mental health crisis that requires immediate response to increase children's mental health services;

WHEREAS, AIAI member First Nations' students are experiencing disproportionately poor mental health conditions which are worsening rapidly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls upon each AIAI member First Nation to support and assist AIAI in creating land-based learning initiatives to improve mental health for AIAI member First Nation students;

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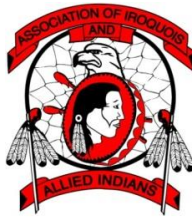
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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call upon AIAI to obtain funding to hire full-time land-based coordinators in each AIAI community as well as an AIAI coordinator to assist with student mental health initiatives;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call upon AIAI to establish a student mental health committee to provide input and direction on land-based learning and healing initiatives and promote inter-Nation relations. This committee is to be comprised of at least:

- One youth from each AIAI member First Nation
- One Elder and/or land/environmental expert from each AIAI member First Nation
- The AIAI Chiefs Council Portfolio Holder for education, youth, and/or environment.

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Resolution No. 004/2021

Subject: Tobacco & Law-Making Initiatives

Passed by CONSENSUS

MOVED BY:
Chief Philip Franks
Wahta Mohawks

SECONDED BY:
Chief Denise Stonefish
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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 are self determining, a natural right which pre-exists contact with European peoples and has never been surrendered;

WHEREAS, tobacco is an Indigenous plant that has always and continues to have a significant ceremonial, economic, and spiritual role in the lives of our Peoples;

WHEREAS, AIAI First Nations rejected the initial tobacco revenue sharing proposal from Ontario presented in 2017. The offer threatened our tobacco economies and did not address our jurisdictional responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the AIAI Chiefs Council has supported proposals to Ontario to enable further dialogue, build capacity, and explore possibilities of First Nation regulation of tobacco;

WHEREAS, in November 2020, the General Assembly accepted the Tobacco Report and adopted the AIAI Inter-Nation Trade Protocol;

WHEREAS, in March 2021, direction was provided to AIAI to establish educational material for Chief and Council discussions regarding the work with the Ontario Government on tobacco;

WHEREAS, AIAI member First Nations will not be tax collectors on behalf of any external government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the

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Association to continue developmental work with the Province of Ontario on tobacco in preparation for potential Chiefs Council negotiations;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the jurisdiction of the AIAI member First Nations is not subject for debate in any negotiations. All final decisions remain in the hands of the AIAI member First Nations;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association to provide regular updates pertaining to this work and to facilitate activities that support capacity building for Tobacco and Indigenous Law-Making providing a report at the next Annual General Assembly in 2022.

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Resolution No. 005/2021

Subject: ODSP Pilot Project

MOVED BY:
Chief Laurie Carr
Hiawatha First Nation

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

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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 Ontario Government, namely, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, is currently hosting an Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Pilot Project to include certain First Nations Delivery sites;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has no intention to realign program delivery roles in First Nations' geographic areas as part of the proposed social assistance changes;

WHEREAS, delivery sites receive more per client for Ontario Works delivery than they would for ODSP delivery per client. This is anticipated to result in difficulties in First Nations who may choose to also deliver ODSP services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls upon each AIAI member First Nation to assist AIAI in developing suitable recommendations to support an effective ODSP Program for First Nations;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly supports an increase in case funding per individual First Nation ODSP client to be similar to what is received to deliver services per each individual Ontario Works client;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls upon AIAI to immediately advocate for increases to the amounts received by First Nation ODSP clients to cover the rising costs of living due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and other reasons;

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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs AIAI to request a meeting with the Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services to discuss solutions to ODSP issues;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI Political Executive to draft a letter to the Provincial and Federal Governments outlining AIAI member First Nation recommendations for ODSP and report results at the next Annual General Assembly.



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Resolution No. 006/2021

Subject: AIAI Health Transformation Vision and
Declaration

Passed by CONSENSUS

MOVED BY:
Chief Phillip Franks
Wahta Mohawks

SECONDED BY:
Councillor Gloria Brown-
Doxator
Oneida Nation of the
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WHEREAS, First Nations have a right to self-determination and continue to exercise that right. First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, First Nations have never transferred and always maintained jurisdiction over their health systems. First Nations have the right and authority to negotiate agreements that reflect this jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Indigenous Nations have a Nation-to-Nation relationship with the Crown enshrined in Treaties. The Crown, as represented by the Government of Canada, has a fiduciary responsibility for ensuring the rights of First Nations are respected and upheld. The AIAI member First Nation governments are committed to ensuring this relationship is upheld and accompanying fiduciary duties are maintained;

WHEREAS, All AIAI member First Nation citizens should enjoy the highest attainable standard of health and be able to maintain traditional medicines and practices of health, as a fundamental right and way of life that encompasses a balance of mental, spiritual, physical, emotional and environmental relationships with all of Creation. To improve health outcomes, First Nations are committed to resuming control and responsibility over health by asserting sovereignty, languages, and self-determination;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Health, funds and administers the delivery of health care services to all residents of Ontario pursuant to the province's legislative framework and guided by the provisions of the *Canada Health Act*. At the same time, Indigenous Services Canada funds a range of community-based programs and services designed to improve health outcomes and increase First Nation control of First Nations health services;

WHEREAS, long-standing staggering discrepancies in health outcomes for AIAI First Nations citizens across the board of health indicators document the



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ineffectiveness of current approaches to health care delivery that are designed and controlled by non-Indigenous bodies and colonial governments;

WHEREAS, AIAI has been engaged in community consultations to explore options for health transformation since 2018. These consultations have resulted in the development of supporting documents, the establishment of priorities, a vision, and commitment to move forward with health transformation;

WHEREAS, the 2021 AIAI health transformation report *Time For Action*, confirmed these priorities and added two more including, Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) and infrastructure. The report shows a willingness to move forward with tri-partite discussions to address health gaps and inequities within First Nation communities.

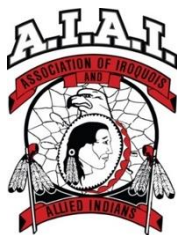
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Chiefs in Assembly, endorse the AIAI principles, vision, and declaration for health transformation as outlined in the attached *AIAI Health Transformation Principles* document. We agree to enter into the health transformation process with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes through the exercise of health jurisdiction as outlined in the vision and declaration;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs in Assembly shall sign a Health System Transformation Relationship Agreement with Canada and Ontario by September 2021. This agreement will include relationship principles and outline the terms for two tables, including a Joint Health Transformation Table and a Main Political Table;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that AIAI will submit to Indigenous Services Canada a budget for the appropriate financial considerations and human resources to support the AIAI health transformation process;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that any agreements resulting from health transformation initiatives or negotiations shall be voluntarily entered into by AIAI member First Nations governments who maintain the final authority in decision-making;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that AIAI will report back to the General Assembly on the health transformation process outcomes and progress at the next AGA in June 2022.



AIAI Health Transformation Vision

The member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians will have healthy, safe, peaceful, and prosperous communities, incorporating wholistic approaches and community values. Each First Nation government of AIAI has a unique, historical relationship with the Canadian government, and they have never transferred and always maintained jurisdiction over their health. The First Nations of AIAI will enter into the Health System Transformation process to secure health agreements that lead to increased health jurisdiction and improved health outcomes for their citizens.

Declaration for Health Transformation

1. That the First Nations of AIAI each have a unique, historical relationship with the Canadian government.
2. That the First Nations of AIAI have never transferred and always maintained jurisdiction over their health system and they have the right to negotiate agreements that reflect this jurisdiction (true authority).
3. To ensure the importance of AIAI's current health priorities, which have been reaffirmed by each First Nation, which are:
 - a. Mental Health and Addictions
 - b. Supports for Elders, Disabled, and Chronically Ill
 - c. Safe Water
 - d. Community Safety
 - e. Child and Family Wellbeing
4. That everyone on AIAI territories should enjoy the highest attainable standard of health which is a fundamental right.
5. To achieve improved standards of health, the Crown in right of Canada has responsibility to increase resources for AIAI First Nations.
6. That new or emerging priorities are urgently addressed.
7. Health is a way of life that encompasses a balance of mental, spiritual, physical, emotional and environmental relationships with all of Creation.
8. To improve health, First Nations must resume control and responsibility over health by asserting our sovereignty, languages and self-determination.
9. The Crown in right of Canada has responsibility for ensuring First Nations rights are upheld in the spirit and intent in which they were agreed. The First Nations

governments of AIAI are committed to ensuring this relationship and the accompanying fiduciary duties are respected and maintained.

10. In order to ensure optimal health through the exercise of health jurisdiction, the First Nations governments of AIAI agree to enter into the Health Transformation Process.
11. Any agreements resulting from said negotiations shall be voluntarily entered into by AIAI First Nations governments.
12. Nothing in this Declaration will be construed so as to abrogate or derogate, or in any way impair the inherent and Treaty rights of the First Nation Peoples as recognized and affirmed by section 35(1) of the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982.
13. For greater certainty, this Declaration does not preclude First Nations from entering into agreements on any matter, including matters covered by this Declaration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joel W. Abram". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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**Resolution No. 007/2021
Subject: Creating Safe Spaces for Indigenous
LGBTQIA2S+ people**

MOVED BY:
Brandon Doxtator
(Proxy Youth Delegate)
Oneida Nation of the Thames

SECONDED BY:
Hannah Sewell
(Youth Delegate)
Batchewana First Nation

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WHEREAS, First Nations have a right to self-determination and continue to exercise that right. First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, Indigenous communities held distinct understandings of gender, ceremonial roles, and sexuality of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transsexual, Queer, A-sexual, Two-Spirited, and non-cis gender (LGBTQIA2S+) people that was disrupted by European contact, colonization, and expansion. As a result of this, many Indigenous people who are two-spirited and/or LGBTQIA+ are disproportionately impacted by discrimination and violence by mainstream society and within their own communities;

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2S+ Indigenous youth as a group are disproportionately affected by sexual violence, homelessness, poverty, and mental wellness issues. Homophobia and transphobia have been linked to the youth suicide epidemic;

WHEREAS, many LGBTQIA2S+ Indigenous people face obstacles such as racism, homophobia, and transphobia, which hinders their ability to access basic services such as healthcare, employment, and housing;

WHEREAS, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians recognizes that with not responding to the gender diversity within the member First Nations

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there is a risk of replicating oppression and becoming complicit in the marginalization of Indigenous LGBTQIA2S+ people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI General Assembly makes a declaration of support for all LGBTQIA2S+ people and directs AIAI to display pride flag(s) and other positive signs to show this support during the month of June every year;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that AIAI make a yearly minimum donation of \$5,000 to an Indigenous organization that directly supports LGBTQIA2S+ youth in perpetuity;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly calls upon AIAI to create a committee on LGBTQIA2S+ issues comprised of AIAI member First Nation representatives. This committee will be tasked with creating strategies to better support LGBTQIA2S+ peoples and increase safe spaces for them within AIAI member First Nation communities;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to report back on this work at the next Annual General Assembly in June 2022.

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Resolution No. 008/2021

Subject: Justice for the 215 Children Who Never
Came Home

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MOVED BY:
Chief Dean Sayers
Batchewana First Nation

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Chief Denise Stonefish
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WHEREAS, First Nations have a right to self-determination and continue to exercise that right. First Nations' self-determination pre-exists contact with external governments and entities and cannot be surrendered;

WHEREAS, on May 28th, the unmarked graves containing the remains of 215 Indigenous children were found on the grounds of former Kamloops Indian Residential School site in the interior of southern British Columbia;

WHEREAS, the federal government actively continues to deny accountability in their part of genocide forced by Residential Schools. The trauma caused by this will continue to shape the transmission of Indigenous languages and cultures for the next seven generations;

WHEREAS, the extent of the genocide caused by Residential Schools cannot be known until every effort is made to understand the horrific ways in which Indigenous children and their families have been treated by Canada. This understanding is foundational to ensuring that Canada is held publicly accountable;

WHEREAS, the Yellowhead Institute has produced a list of completed Calls to Action of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada and has found that of the ninety-four Calls to Action, only nine have been completed to-date;

WHEREAS, the TRC Calls to Action 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76 outline the demands to bring home missing children and retain burial information, to which the federal government has not respected, resulting in an absence of accountability, transparency, and proactivity;

WHEREAS, the federal and provincial governments fail to enhance public education on the intergenerational impacts and trauma that Residential Schools continue to have today on individuals, families, communities, and Nations.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the General Assembly, in conjunction with the Caldwell First Nation Youth Advisory Committee, call upon the federal government to reaffirm and actively implement its commitment to all of the TRC Calls to Action, including calls 71 to 76, and demand:

- 1) Survey of all former Residential School grounds, locations, and properties in Canada
- 2) Disclosure of all details of the remains found, including when the remains were found and the ages of the children
- 3) The return of any property to the appropriate Indigenous community so that they can honour, protect, and self-determine appropriate use
- 4) Every effort be made, at the request of the family or community, to ensure that children are returned home to their families, communities, and Nations in every aspect – emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually
- 5) Provincial and federal legislation be amended to reflect the need for indigenous people to have a smooth transition of the remains and records, including all related artifacts back to their care and control
- 6) All existing and newly revealed information on Residential Schools be immediately implemented into elementary and secondary school as mandatory curricula developed by Indigenous people and with Indigenous control;

FURHTER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roman Catholic Church release all of their records pertaining to Residential Schools and the federal government pass legislation to ensure Residential School records are retained and not destroyed;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI Chiefs in Assembly, in conjunction with the Caldwell First Nation Youth Advisory Committee, direct AIAI to assist in relaying demands for justice to the federal government, provincial government, churches, and other influencing bodies for those 215 Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc children found in the Kamloops Indian Residential School site and all other children who never returned home.