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**Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Passed by Consensus

**Resolution No. 001/2022**

**Subject: Anti- Human Trafficking**

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

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

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**Resolution Adopted on:**

June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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**, 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 June 3, 2019, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls released their final report, that identified the root causes of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are deliberate human rights violations;

**WHEREAS**, the National Inquiry heard several stories about women and girls in the sex industry who have experienced human trafficking. A 2016 public safety report indicated that 50% of human trafficking victims are Indigenous women and girls. Human trafficking is a national crisis for Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

**WHEREAS**, the on-going history of colonialism has created poverty, social isolation, and insecurity within First Nation communities, creating a cycle of systemic violence and systemic racism;

**WHEREAS**, colonialism has devalued Indigenous women, children, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples, and made them vulnerable to poverty, violence, human trafficking, and other forms of sexual exploitation;

**WHEREAS**, all citizens of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) member First Nations deserve a life with safety, security, love, respect, and wellness;

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**WHEREAS**, ending human trafficking and violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people is a priority for all the AIAI member First Nations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to connect with both federal and provincial governments to begin dialogue into needs-based services and funding to address human trafficking and violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to advocate and seek additional supports, resources, and capacity for member First Nations programs and services related to ending violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including additional supports, resources, and capacity for safe spaces.

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**Resolution No. 002/2022**

**Passed by Consensus**

**Subject: Addressing Housing and Homelessness**

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

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Councillor Harvey Bell**  
**Batchewana First Nation**

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

**WHEREAS**, Ontario's Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure (CCOHI) is a technical table where the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Chiefs Council are represented. CCOHI presented a report completed in 2021 by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD). The report included a cost analysis of current and future housing needs in First Nation communities in Canada and determined these communities require a capital investment of \$59.4 billion to address current and future housing needs;

**WHEREAS**, the Ontario government, partnering with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) and Miziwe Biik Development Corporation, is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years in funding through their *Roadmap to Wellness*, to provide Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate long-term housing solutions and support services to Indigenous people experiencing or at risk of homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI supports the Ontario Government in partnering with OAHS;

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has committed to \$44 billion over seven years for improving and expanding Indigenous housing in Canada, \$4.4 billion of which is for Ontario;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI Resolution 007/2018: *Safe, Proper, and Affordable Housing* directed the Association to continue to advocate for and explore solutions for housing and homelessness in the member First Nation communities;

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**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing lack of funding deficits for safe and affordable housing in First Nation communities, housing and homelessness has now become a crisis.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to continue exploring alternate housing systems, programs, and processes to better support the member First Nations to address their housing needs;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the AIAI political executives to further pressure federal and provincial governments for capital funding investments as outlined in IFSD's 2021 report;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to continue to work through regional processes to advocate housing needs for AIAI member First Nations, as well as to carry out AIAI-led lobby and advocacy efforts;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the AIAI political executive to call upon the federal government to allocate Ontario region its fair share of funding for housing needs based on population;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to host a Housing and Infrastructure Forum for the AIAI member First Nations to have dialogue and plan strategically for their specific needs in the areas of housing and homelessness.



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**Resolution No. 003/2022**

**Passed by Consensus**

**Subject: Jordan's Principle Implementation**

**MOVED BY:**

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

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**Councillor Kathryn Wilson  
Hiawatha First Nation**

**WHEREAS**, Jordan's Principle is named after Jordan River Anderson from Norway House Cree Nation. Jordan's Principle was unanimously passed in the House of Commons in December 2021. Jordan's Principle is a child-first principle intended to ensure that First Nations children do not experience denials, delays, or disruptions of services that are ordinarily available to other children due to jurisdictional disputes regarding payment for services;

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**WHEREAS**, in February 2007, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society (the Caring Society) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) filed a human rights complaint against the Federal Government of Canada. The Caring Society alleged that Canada's flawed and inequitable provision of First Nations child and family services and failure to implement Jordan's Principle is discriminatory to First Nations children living on reserve;

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) issued its decision regarding the complaint, finding that the Federal Government of Canada was racially discriminating against First Nations children living on reserves. In particular, the CHRT found Canada's implementation of Jordan's Principle to be flawed and inequitable;

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2016, the CHRT found that Canada was not complying with the earlier CHRT order to "immediately implement the full meaning and scope of Jordan's Principle." CHRT required Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to report

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back to the them on May 10, 2016 to confirm that the full scope of Jordan's Principle is implemented. ISC's response as to how they are implementing the full scope was vague and unacceptable;

**WHEREAS, AIAI Resolution 006/2016:** *Jordan's Principle* directed the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to follow up with ISC and the Federal Government of Canada to determine how the full scope of Jordan's Principle has been implemented;

**WHEREAS, Resolution 006/2016** further directed the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to ensure that Jordan's Principle is applied as it was originally intended and not simply to health-related services disputes. Jordan's Principle is applicable to any and all services that First Nations children may access and ensures that First Nations children never experience any disruptions of services due to jurisdictional disputes over payment of services;

**WHEREAS,** there is a significant and longstanding housing crisis, which can result in investigations by Children's Aid Societies (CAS) and lead to children being taken into care.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to ensure that the full scope and meaning of Jordan's Principle is applied as it was originally intended and that any further changes made to the CHRT order are implemented as directed;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly demands ISC follow the CHRT timelines for approving and responding to the requests;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly demands ISC provide an accurate account of all outstanding and incomplete applications of members of the AIAI member First Nations;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the AIAI political executive to advocate for policy change based on requests from aggregate data;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs AIAI to ensure all Jordan's Principle implementation issues are resolved, including longstanding issues and barriers.

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53rd Annual General Assembly**

**Resolution No. 004/2022**

**Subject: Advancing Traditional Legal Principles,  
Practices and Laws to Assert Jurisdiction**

**Passed by Consensus**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Dean Sayers**  
**Batchewana First Nation**

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

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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**, all First Peoples and Nations have their own collective responsibilities and authorities given by Creation that are based in their original ways and cover all facets of law within our territories and communities;

**WHEREAS**, our laws are based in our cultures, stories, and relationships with Creation, which are distinct from the individual/western rights concepts that are rooted in western culture and colonial legal systems;

**WHEREAS**, no foreign government, including Crown Governments in the right of Ontario or Canada, have the authority to impose their laws on our Peoples and Nations. Our governance bodies are as strong as those of external governments and our laws take precedence;

**WHEREAS**, foreign governments, including Crown Governments in the right of Ontario or Canada, have intentionally attempted to undermine our governance systems to gain access to our land, resources, and wealth so they can gain control in our world;

**WHEREAS**, settler governments continue to falsely assume they have jurisdiction over our Nations and Peoples and illegally attempt to enforce their laws onto us to the detriment of our families and communities. This is both racist and discriminatory;

**WHEREAS**, Ontario's administration of the *Tobacco Tax Act* is one example of external government intrusion wherein race-based and discriminatory regulations are forced onto our People's and Nations to our detriment without our consent/permission;

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**WHEREAS,** First Peoples and Nations require consistent funding to re-establish the capacity required for the re-invigoration of our original governance systems, the development of our own laws, and the operationalization of our legal systems. This includes evergreen funding at least equal to the amounts flowing to settler governments for this purpose.

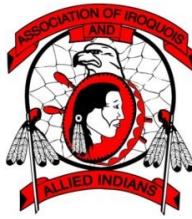
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' (AIAI) Political Executive to support the AIAI member First Nations in their efforts to denounce colonial tools and practices adopted and revitalize our own legal and governance systems;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs the AIAI political executive to draft correspondence and lead a strong lobby to support the AIAI member First Nations to secure evergreen funding to build capacity for the re-establishment of our own governance and law-making processes and to demand that settler governments acknowledge, recognize, and accept that First Peoples and Nations are engaging in and practicing their laws today;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs AIAI to develop resources and education materials to support the AIAI member First Nations in our on-going work to reject settler-colonial practices and build upon our own cultural foundations.



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**Resolution No. 005/2022**  
**Subject: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**

**MOVED BY:**

**Councillor Harvey Bell**  
**Batchewana First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Kathryn Wilson**  
**Hiawatha First Nation**

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

**WHEREAS**, the evidence produced by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) demonstrates abuses and violations by the Canadian government. These abuses are rooted in violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, and resulted in the denial of safety, security, and human dignity;

**WHEREAS**, the National Inquiry concludes the abuses committed and condoned by the Canadian government represents genocide against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. The final report for MMIWG contains over 231 Calls to Justice that address areas of: human and Indigenous rights, government obligations, culture, health and wellness, child welfare, education, housing, policing, human security, and justice.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls for supports, resources, and educational awareness for Indigenous women, girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, and communities;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AI AI) to communicate and engage with federal and provincial governments to address contributing factors of MMIWG and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

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**Women and Girls**

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**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly directs the AIAI to advocate and seek resources for the member First Nations to advance and/or begin programming that addresses violence against MMIWG and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and its root causes.

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**Resolution No. 006/2022**  
**Subject: Reaffirm OCAP and Governance of First Nations Data**

**MOVED BY:**  
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**Batchewana First Nation**

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**WHEREAS**, in 1998, the First Nations principles of Ownership, Control, and Access (OCA) were established during a National Steering Committee of the First Nations and Inuit Regional Longitudinal Health survey. This was later extended to include Possession to acknowledge the importance of First Nation peoples' possession of their own data. First Nation principles of Ownership, Control, Access, Possession are now referred to as OCAP®;

**WHEREAS**, OCAP® ensures First Nations jurisdiction over information about their communities and its community members. First Nations have control over data collection processes in their communities, and own and control how this information can be stored, interpreted, used, and/or shared;

**WHEREAS**, OCAP® respects the rights of First Nations communities to make decisions regarding why, how, and by whom information is collected, used, or shared;

**WHEREAS**, historically, there have been issues with researchers, academics, and other data collectors wherein research projects are conducted by non-First Nations people, research results are not returned to communities, and the research does not benefit First Nations Peoples or communities;

**WHEREAS**, First Nations have the ability and right to determine the use of their own data. This must not be decided upon by pan-Indigenous processes;

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**Resolution No. 006/2022**  
**Subject: Reaffirm OCAP and Governance of First Nations Data**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AI AI) member First Nation communities to have access to their specific data for planning purposes in response to community need, including program and service delivery statistics that are reported directly to the funder.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on the provincial and federal governments, and all other organizations to respect First Nations' authority under OCAP® in terms of accessing and holding First Nation data;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls on governments and other entities to disclose and transfer First Nation-specific data to their respective First Nation communities according to OCAP® so that First Nations can inform their own planning and advocacy efforts and better respond to community need;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon governments to provide funding for data retention capacity for First Nations;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Assembly calls upon governments and other organizations to cease processes of data governance development that are advised by pan-Indigenous approaches.



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Resolution No. 007/2022

Subject: Youth Planning Our Future

MOVED BY:  
Sara Macneil  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte - Tyendinaga

SECONDED BY:  
Madison Brinklow  
Mohawks of the Bay of  
Quinte - Tyendinaga

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**WHEREAS**, *Resolution 010/2019: Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Youth Council* recognizes the value of First Nations Youth perspectives and contributions;

**WHEREAS**, *Resolution 001/2015: Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Youth Council - Entrenching and Recognizing the Value of our Youth* ensures our youth have appropriate recognition and are heard by leadership;

**WHEREAS**, the AIAI Youth Council has developed a Terms of Reference that underlines their commitment to "being a unified advocate for the youth of member Nations and building relationships with elders, traditional teachers, and mentors," and to "carry out the legacy of our ancestors which we will pass onto future generations to come;"

**WHEREAS**, long-term and sustainable funding is needed to support community-based youth councils to ensure youth are engaged in meaningful ways and that youth capacity building in the member First Nations is implemented.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to access unrestricted funds up to \$25,000 for each member First Nation to develop community-based youth councils for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and for this funding amount to be re-assessed annually;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the AIAI political executive will lobby the provincial and federal governments for additional multi-year funding to support the AIAI Youth Council.

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**Resolution No. 008/2022**

**Subject: Correctional Reform**

**MOVED BY:**

**Susan Barberstock**  
**(Proxy)**  
**Mohawks of the Bay of**  
**Quinte - Tyendinaga**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Councillor Harvey Bell**  
**Batchewana First Nation**

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**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples are grossly over-represented in the federal and provincial correctional facilities. The Office of the Correctional Investigator released new data in December 2021 stating that Indigenous women make up over 50% of the population in federal correctional facilities, despite representing less than 5% of the total population of women in Canada. This is a national crisis and an ongoing concern;

**WHEREAS**, the over-representation of Indigenous Peoples in correctional institutions is rooted in systemic racism and colonialism – made worse by lack of education and understanding amongst the non-Indigenous population;

**WHEREAS**, decreases in access to justice, long scheduled court dates, and restrictive bail/probation conditions for Indigenous people result in unnecessary incarcerations;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic worsened the significant backlog within the criminal court system, resulting in individuals and innocent people remaining incarcerated unnecessarily;

**WHEREAS**, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry Calls for Justice proposed 13 recommendations (14.1 – 14.13) to address the incarceration rates of Indigenous women. Recommendations include calls for more Indigenous-run and culturally appropriate facilities, such as rehabilitation programs;



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Subject: Correctional Reform

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**WHEREAS**, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made promises for an increase in restorative justice facilities; however, no government initiative has yet been introduced;

**WHEREAS**, the living conditions in provincial and federal correctional facilities are known to be inhumane. For instance, correctional facilities often have severe over-crowding, and inmates have limited access to basic necessities such as clean water and toilets;

**WHEREAS**, the recidivism rates are unacceptably high in Canada. Programs and services available to individuals in correctional systems require review and assessment.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to write a formal letter requesting a meeting with Public Safety Canada, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, and the Department of Justice demanding First Nation engagement on correctional reform and the implementation of meaningful action that is reflective of this engagement feedback;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to advocate for restorative justice and reform of the provincial and federal correctional systems to address ongoing inequality and systemic racism towards Indigenous Peoples;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to advocate for funding to be directed towards restorative justice initiatives; meaningful community engagement; cultural needs, supports, and programming; implementation of traditional laws; and equitable treatment and proper living conditions for incarcerated Indigenous Peoples.

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**Resolution No. 009/2022**  
**Subject: Scheduling AIAI Annual General**  
**Assemblies and Other Activities**

**MOVED BY:**  
**Chief Stonefish**  
**Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit**

**SECONDED BY:**  
**Chief Duckworth**  
**Caldwell First Nation**

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

**WHEREAS**, the member First Nations of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) affirm their sovereignty, founded in the responsibilities provided to their respective Nations by the Creator;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI was established in 1969 to advocate for the political interests of its member First Nations;

**WHEREAS**, Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit (Delaware Nation) has been one of the founding members of AIAI and continues their alliance in the protection of the collective Aboriginal and Treaty rights;

**WHEREAS**, AIAI provides a venue for member First Nations to direct the work of the Association by setting a strategic direction based on the needs and priorities of its members. This venue is an Annual General Assembly, and it is normally held during the first two weeks of the month of June;

**WHEREAS**, the Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit's electoral process for its Chief and Council is held every two years and is set for June 1<sup>st</sup> and should this date fall on either Saturday or Sunday, the election is held on the following Monday;

**WHEREAS**, the AIAI Annual General Assembly has previously been scheduled to commence June 2<sup>nd</sup>, which does not allow for Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit's newly elected leadership to be oriented on the activities of the Association or to make appropriate travel arrangements.

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Passed by Consensus

**Resolution No. 009/2022**  
**Subject: Scheduling AIAI Annual General**  
**Assemblies and Other Activities**

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs AIAI to make an allowance for Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit's election date of June 1<sup>st</sup> when scheduling the AIAI Annual General Assembly;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED,** the General Assembly directs AIAI to consider all member First Nations' major community events when scheduling its Annual General Assembly and other AIAI activities.

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**Resolution No. 010/2022**

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**Subject: Fire Emergency Reform and Awareness**

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**MOVED BY:**  
**Susan Barberstock**  
**(Proxy)**  
**Mohawks of the Bay of**  
**Quinte**

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the Mortality and Morbidity Report 2021, First Nation people living on reserve are ten times more likely to die in a fire than non-First Nation people. A provincial review from the Office of the Chief Coroner in July 2021 found that First Nation children in Ontario under the age of 10 are 86 times more likely to die in a fire than non-First Nation children in Ontario;

**WHEREAS**, many social determinants of health contribute to high mortality rates associated with fire, including poverty, poor housing conditions, overcrowding, and lack of education on fire safety and awareness;

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**WHEREAS**, there is no national fire protection code that mandates fire safety for First Nation communities or legislation that requires funding to be provided to First Nations to address fire safety issues and protection;

**WHEREAS**, fire-inspection and safety mandates are not uniform across Ontario. The responsibility for fire protection is forced onto individual First Nations without adequate resourcing to carryout this responsibility;

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has shown a blatant disregard for First Nation fire protection and prevention which leads to the catastrophic statistics and related preventable deaths of First Nation children and Peoples.

**Grand Chief Joel Abram**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly direct the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to write a formal letter to Indigenous Services Canada requesting a meeting to address fire safety issues in AIAI member First Nation communities;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to draft a letter to the National Indigenous Fire Safety Council Project and the Aboriginal Firefighter

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Association to request a meeting to discuss possibilities to secure resources and supports for AIAI member First Nation communities;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to advocate for fire protection and safety resources for the AIAI member First Nations to help build educational awareness for their citizens, families, and children;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon the federal and provincial governments to acknowledge and implement action regarding fire prevention in AIAI member First Nations and to support First Nation law making, infrastructure development, and other capacity requirements for fire safety and prevention.



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Subject: Indian Day School

MOVED BY:  
Councillor Gordon Peters  
Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit

SECONDED BY:  
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**WHEREAS**, the federal government established Indian Day Schools in the 1860s. Similar to residential schools, the purpose of these schools was to assimilate Indigenous children. These schools were in operation in Canada until 2000, when the Indian Day School was closed;

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2019, a federal settlement process for Indian Day School survivors was initiated wherein people who attended Indian Day School could apply for settlements for abuses suffered therein. A deadline for claimants/survivors to submit an application/claim was set for July 13, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the application process for the federal Indian Day School settlement has raised severe concerns. Survivors experienced challenges receiving disclosure and received minimal support for navigating settlement eligibility criteria and application processes. Claimants were also not provided appropriate trauma-informed and harm reductive supports;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic compounded existing issues with information sharing and support for claimants in relation to the application process. This resulted in individuals applying for settlements during the pandemic without the supports and information required to receive the maximum amounts they are eligible for.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to advocate for a two-year extension to

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the deadline for the Indian Day Schools application submission. The extension to survivors' applications must include adequate communication, resources, and supports to ensure survivors can make informed decisions and be properly supported throughout the application process;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly directs AIAI to advocate for the change of the submission process to allow resubmission. This will allow survivors to resubmit their application to receive the maximum amounts of support they are eligible for;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, the General Assembly calls upon AIAI to advocate for changes to the Indian Day School application criteria and increase the accessibility of in-person supports for survivors.