



Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
55th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Passed by Consensus

Resolution No. 001/2024
Subject: Planning For Our Future – Youth Council
Core Funding

MOVED BY:
Chief Mary Duckworth
Caldwell First Nation

SECONDED BY:
Chief Todd Cornelius
Oneida Nation of the
Thames

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Resolution Adopted on:
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Grand Chief Joel Abram

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

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

WHEREAS, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Resolution 007/2022: *Youth Planning our Future*, Resolution 010/2019: *Youth Planning our Future*, Resolution 005/2017: *Youth Council Funding*, and Resolution 001/2015: *Entrenching & Recognizing the Value of our Youth* all illustrate the continued support of youth and their advocacy;

WHEREAS, the AIAI Youth Council Terms of Reference (ToR) underlines the 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". The intent of the AIAI Youth Council has always been to build youth capacity – to become a youth driven and youth led council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to amend Resolution 002/2016: *Youth Resolution* to fully implement the AIAI Youth Council ToR. This would begin a transition period in which the Chair and Co-Chair would act in and facilitate the roles and responsibilities of youth leadership to the council;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to advocate at the regional and national level for long-term external core funding for the AIAI Youth Council and member Nation Youth Councils as long-term sustainable funding ensures future youth voices at all tables. Once external funding is secured, this would replace the current use of AIAI's unrestricted funds that the AIAI Youth Council and member Nation Youth Councils currently receive;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to continue to allow the AIAI Youth Council to utilize the unrestricted funds as an interim fundings source

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until core external funding is secured.



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Resolution No. 002/2024
Subject: AIAI Working Group on the AFN Charter
Renewal

MOVED BY:
Councillor Chase Ogwari
Brant
Mohawks of the Bay of
Quinte

SECONDED BY:
Councillor Sandra Moore
Hiawatha First Nation

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WHEREAS, the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal was formed by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 05/2017: *Chiefs Committee on AFN Charter Renewal*. Currently, no Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Chiefs participate on this table;

WHEREAS, the AFN Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal is mandated to:

1. Lead efforts to renew the AFN Charter by providing recommendations for amendments to the AFN Charter, the AFN Executive, and the First Nations in Assembly,
2. Bring forward recommendations for Charter reforms based on past work, current work, and reviews through reports for consideration by the AFN Executive Committee and First Nations in Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Committee on Charter renewal has brought forward potential amendments to the AFN Charter which have been shared with the AFN Executive and First Nations for consideration at the AFN July 2024 Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal will continue working on future amendments to the AFN Charter;

WHEREAS, the AFN Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal is also mandated to sufficiently engage with First Nations on amendments to the AFN Charter.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI create an AIAI Working Group on the AFN Charter Renewal with a mandate to:

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1. Review the proposed amendments of the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal and provide recommendations to the Chiefs Council,
2. Review the AFN Charter and provide AIAI specific recommendations to the AFN Charter as needed, to be shared with the AIAI Chiefs Council and the Chiefs Committee on Charter Renewal;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI Chiefs Council select a chair or co-chairs for the AIAI Working Group on Charter Renewal who will act as the link between the working group and the AIAI Chiefs Council;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI fully support a budget and the coordination of the AIAI Working Group on AFN Charter Renewal, with this budget to be taken from unrestricted funds.

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Resolution No. 003/2024
Subject: Establishing an AIAI Language & Cultural
Coordinator and Committee

MOVED BY:

Chief Todd Cornelius
Oneida Nation of the
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SECONDED BY:

Chief R. Donald Maracle
Mohawks of the Bay of
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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 mission of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) is to enhance and protect the inherent rights, language, culture, lands, and laws of its member Nations;

WHEREAS, language is identity and language and culture are intrinsically connected. Without language, culture is lost;

WHEREAS, the AIAI member Nations make up four (4) language families all at different stages in language planning, with different capacities in terms of language departments, programming, and language speakers. This diversity results in unique and specific funding and advocacy needs, language goals, and perspectives on language as a technical/political and/or program-based priority within member Nation that must be respected, uplifted, and never undermined;

WHEREAS, the diversity of member Nations must be viewed as a strength and an opportunity for collective advocacy and voice, as member Nations work toward similar goals of fluency through programming. The AIAI aims to support member Nations as they develop their language frameworks. Access to sufficient, ongoing, predictable, and sustainable funding is essential to these goals;

WHEREAS, the AIAI lacks the capacity in terms of language expertise and time to actively and fruitfully participate at regional and national language tables on behalf of member Nations. Currently, the AIAI technicians sit at the Leadership Committee on Languages (LCOL) as an observer only;



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WHEREAS, the federal budget committed \$225 million over five years, starting in 2024-25, with \$45 million per year ongoing to the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH) for Indigenous languages and cultures programs. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has been tasked with revising the national Regional Allocation Formula (RAF) for the Indigenous Languages Component (ILC) program;

WHEREAS, there is disagreement among regions on how factors should be weighted in the formula, which will likely result in a contentious vote at the AFN's July 2024 assembly. It is recommended that Ontario Chiefs vote in favour of equal weighting;

WHEREAS, this formula will be utilized by the DCH to distribute ILC funding to each region for community-based language revitalization programs via a proposal-based process. The Ontario region's allocation will be distributed through the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres (FNCCEC). Regardless of the RAF, this allocation will not adequately reflect the funding needed to revitalize languages in member Nations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI use unrestricted funds to hire a dedicated Language & Cultural Coordinator. This funding should be available in the Fall of 2024, with the expectation that the Language & Cultural Coordinator will work to secure an external source of funding;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Language & Cultural Coordinator, along with the AIAI Leadership, will advocate and lobby with the provincial and federal governments, external partners, and agencies to secure funding to:

- 1) sustain the AIAI's Language & Cultural Coordinator position and the proposed Language & Culture Committee, and
- 2) to aid in fulfilling the requests of member Nations' language plans.

Any political and/or technical work pursued by the Language & Cultural Coordinator shall in no way conflict with existing and/or future community-based language initiatives;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the full responsibilities of the Language & Cultural Coordinator will be established through the development of a work plan. However, at minimum these responsibilities will include the establishment of a Language &

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Cultural Committee, including a Terms of Reference (ToR) and setting regular meetings; and advocating for community-based funding for member Nations;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI Education team will continue to sit at regional tables in the interim and work with the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) to advise the AIAI Chiefs Council on the status of the ILC and revised national RAF, sign language, and other matters, until the Language & Cultural Coordinator is hired;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIAI will work to develop a relationship with DCH and FNCCEC on behalf of member Nations to advocate for equitable allocations and additional funding opportunities for member Nations' language and culture revitalization.

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Resolution No. 004/2024

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Expanding the Women's File

MOVED BY:
Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Hiawatha 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;

SECONDED BY:
Youth Delegate Sara
MacNeil
Mohawks of the Bay of
Quinte

WHEREAS, the evidence produced by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) demonstrates human right 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, despite the prevalence of MMIWG and Human Trafficking in many Indigenous communities; Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people continue to grow and heal generations of colonization and genocide through strength and resiliency.

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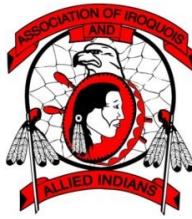
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to host our second Matriarch Summit and to continue advocating for external funding at government levels;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to create a Women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ working group to grow the Women's file to better understand and advocate for the needs of member Nation Women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

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Resolution No. 005/2024

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Subject: Non-Insured Health Benefits

MOVED BY:
Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Hiawatha First Nation

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

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WHEREAS, the Canada holds Treaty obligations that were confirmed in Federal court in Dreaver et al v. the King 1932 case. The Federal court affirmed the federal government must provide adequate and equitable health care to First Nations, specifically through the Medicine Chest clause in Treaty Six. The federal court further interpreted this to mean "*all medicines, drugs or medical supplies were to be supplied free of charge to Treaty Indians*", as well as section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982;

WHEREAS, the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program was constructed to be the payer of last resort and is administered through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The NIHB is a national health benefit that provides benefit claim coverage to eligible First Nations for a specific range of drugs, dental care, vision care, medical supplies and equipment, mental health counselling, and medical transportation. For many First Nations, NIHB is their only medical benefit option;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Resolution 21/25: *Non-Insured Health Benefits Program Improvements* gave direction for the COO to cease participation in the National Joint Review of the NIHB program until a new regional and national process is developed;

WHEREAS, ISC remains committed to the National Joint Review process with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and has completed final recommendation and implementation plans for five (5) of the six (6) benefit areas, with the review of the final benefit area – medical transportation benefit – currently underway;

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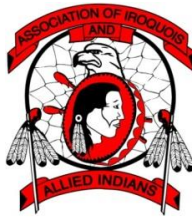
WHEREAS, an Ontario NIHB Table is in development with the COO NIHB Joint Working Group. The aim of this table is to work collaboratively to implement operational improvements in Ontario by providing a solution-focused forum to share First Nation priorities. However, this table does not include policy change with the ISC and Ontario region on NIHB;

WHEREAS, the NIHB program continues to face policy and systemic challenges to improving the overall quality of service, access, and coverage received by the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) member Nation clients. These challenges require continued advocacy at the national Joint NIHB Review and regional Ontario NIHB Table levels;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to push ISC Headquarters to participate in a fully inclusive joint NIHB review with the Ontario Regional table that includes engagement on both policy changes and operational improvements;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to provide an update on work related to NIHB at the General Assembly in 2025.

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Resolution No. 006/2024

Subject: ICES – AIAI Research Project

MOVED BY:
Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Hiawatha First Nation

SECONDED BY:
Chief Mark McCoy
Batchewana First Nation

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WHEREAS, mental health and addictions remains a priority of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' (AIAI) Health/Social Advisory Board (HSAB) and within member Nations, who persistently call for additional resources and supports to address mental wellness service gaps within their respective communities;

WHEREAS, data and research are critical for understanding, demonstrating, and addressing specific areas of need and are powerful tools for advocacy and community level planning;

WHEREAS, the AIAI *Resolution 001/2020: ICES AIAI Research Project* gave the HSAB the direction to work in partnership with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) on a Mental Health and Addictions Scorecard Project. Utilizing pre-COVID data, this project developed a baseline scorecard report that described the state of mental health and addictions in Ontario based on healthcare system usage within the province by member Nations;

WHEREAS, the results from the initial baseline scorecard research warranted the need to embark on a second scorecard research project using post-COVID data. The mental health and addictions information and data gained from this project will be used to advocate for additional resources and supports that address mental wellness service gaps within member Nations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to work with the ICES in partnership with the HSAB on a second AIAI specific Mental Health and Addictions Scorecard Project;

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly permits the ICES to access the AIAI Indian Registry System data for the purposes of the AIAI Specific Mental Health and Addictions Scorecard Project. The AIAI will ensure any data accessed will be done respecting *Ownership, Control, Access, Possession* (OCAP®) and following OCAP® principles;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to report back to the General Assembly on the status and findings of the AIAI specific Mental Health and Addictions Scorecard Project at the Annual General Assembly 2025.



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Resolution No. 007/2024
Subject: Affirming the Health/Social Advisory
Board Priorities for 2024-2029

MOVED BY:

Councillor Megan Logan
Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit

SECONDED BY:

Councillor Kathryn Wilson
Hiawatha First Nation

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WHEREAS, the Health/Social Advisory Board (HSAB) is a technical arm of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Chiefs Council with the purpose of advancing member Nations' interests, perspectives, and concerns in the areas of health and social;

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the HSAB participated in strategic planning that identified five key priority areas:

1. Basic Needs: safe water, food, and housing,
2. Mental health and addictions,
3. Community safety,
4. Child and family wellbeing,
5. Elders, disabled, and chronically ill supports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly affirms the HSAB's five key priorities for the next five years (2024 – 2029), which will be advocated and advanced on behalf of member Nations;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to seek funding to support the position of a policy advisor within the area of Basic Needs to support and advance safe water and food;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI and the HSAB to immediately develop technical and political strategies to support successful advocacy in these five areas;

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI and the HSAB to organize technical and political lobbies with the provincial and federal governments based on these five priority areas, along with other areas as identified by the Chiefs Council;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Chair of the HSAB to provide an update on work related to the five key priority areas at the General Assembly in 2025.



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Resolution No. 008/2024

Subject: Data Governance

MOVED BY:
Chief Philip Franks
Wahta Mohawks

SECONDED BY:
Councillor Chase Ogwari
Brant
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, First Nations have a right to self-determination and continue to exercise that right through the principles of Ownership, Control, Access, Possession (OCAP®). OCAP® includes Indigenous Data Sovereignty which means First Nations right to:

- 1) Own and govern community or group information in the same way as the data of individuals,
- 2) Own and govern their data regardless of where it is housed,
- 3) Decide how their data is shared and with whom;

WHEREAS, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Resolution 006/2022: *Reaffirmed OCAP® and Governance of First Nations Data* calling on the provincial and federal governments and other organizations to respect First Nations' authority under OCAP® in terms of accessing and holding First Nations data. There has been a longstanding history of external bodies not consulting First Nations;

WHEREAS, the mission of the AIAI is to enhance and protect the inherent rights, language, culture, lands, and laws of its member Nations;

WHEREAS, the AIAI supports its member Nations as they develop their own frameworks and institutions for data governance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chiefs in Assembly, that the AIAI is mandated to facilitate discussions between member Nations and the provincial and federal governments, and any external partners regarding any data sharing initiatives and projects that affect any member Nation;

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Subject: Data Governance

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that engagement by the provincial and federal governments, and any external partners with the AIAI about data sharing initiatives and projects does not equate to member Nations' endorsement or consent for specific initiatives;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to communicate to the provincial and federal governments, and/or any external partners that they must seek consent for data sharing initiatives and projects directly from the member Nations.



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Resolution No. 009/2024
Subject: Advocacy for Expanding the AIAI Housing
File

MOVED BY:
Councillor Kathryn
Wilson
Hiawatha First Nation

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SECONDED BY:
Chief Laurie Carr
Hiawatha First Nation

WHEREAS, First Nations have been dealing with a longstanding housing crisis for decades. This crisis extends to all boundaries of rural, remote, and urban areas. The effects of this crisis are severe, leading to physical, mental, and social struggles that impact the educational development of First Nations individuals. The housing crisis affects all aspects of individual and/or family life and leads to insecurity and negative social economic impacts;

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WHEREAS, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Resolution 007/2018: *Safe, Proper, and Affordable Housing* directed the AIAI to continue to advocate and explore for solutions to housing and homelessness in the member Nation communities. The AIAI Resolutions, 002/2022: *Addressing Housing and Homelessness* and 03/2015: *Prioritizing Housing in our Communities* continue to be prioritized;

WHEREAS, the AIAI Resolution 001/2023: *Additions to Reserve* directs the AIAI to conduct lobbying efforts to raise awareness of the Additions to Reserve (ATR) process and barriers and for the AIAI to assist in ATR solutions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to advocate for funding to meet the capacity needs of both the AIAI and member Nations, to ensure collective planning processes;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to create a Housing Sector, including a Director and Policy Advisor. As well as to continue the strategic planning on Housing focusing on four key areas:

1. Community driven planning,
2. Community training and mentorship,

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3. Governance and communications,
4. Land and infrastructure;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to advocate for external funding for the AIAI and member Nations to participate in data collection for advocacy purposes, and advocate for change to the ATR policy;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to host a Housing Symposium for member Nations in the 2024-2025 fiscal year to ensure the continued sharing of innovative housing approaches and networking amongst the AIAI member Nations, and to inform strategic next steps for addressing the housing crisis in member Nations;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to arrange political meetings with the appropriate ministers responsible for housing;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to seek external funding for the 2024-2025 fiscal year specifically for advancing member Nations housing needs. If funding cannot be secured then the AIAI is directed to use unrestricted funds.



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Resolution No. 010/2024

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Jordan's Principle Non-Compliance

MOVED BY:

Councillor Megan Logan
Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit

SECONDED BY:

Youth Delegate Sara
MacNeil
Mohawks of the Bay of
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Resolution Adopted on:

June 4th - 6th, 2024
Caldwell First Nation

Grand Chief Joel Abram

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

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

WHEREAS, 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;

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 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". The CHRT required Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to report back to them on May 10, 2016, to confirm that the full scope of Jordan's Principle was implemented. ISC's response as to how they are implementing the full scope was vague and unacceptable;



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Resolution No. 010/2024

Passed by Consensus

Subject: Jordan's Principle Non-Compliance

WHEREAS, the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Resolution 006/2016: *Jordan's Principle* and Resolution 003/2022: *Jordan's Principle Implementation* directed the 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, the AIAI Resolution 05/2023: *Implementing Jordan's Principle*, mandated the AIAI to begin a high-level table with ISC due to the regional tables inadequately addressing discriminatory practices, examples of which include a lack of timely responses, requiring upfront payment from parents for later reimbursement, and limited accountability for non-Indigenous entities that are inappropriately accessing Jordan's Principle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs Canada to implement Jordan's Principle within the court ordered timelines stated in 2017 CHRT 14 that require Canada to determine urgent Jordan's Principle requests on the following timelines:

- 1) 12 hours for urgent individual request,
- 2) 48 hours for urgent group request,
- 3) payment (which ISC notes the 15-business day timeline);

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to advocate for the end of Children Aid Societies, School Boards, and other non-Indigenous organizations from applying to Jordan's Principle without direct permission and communication to the First Nation prior to the Application and, consent on behalf of the parent/guardian and/or First Nation community;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to consider hiring a Jordan's Principle Advocate/Advisor to support and assist member Nation Jordan's Principle Navigators, and to deal with Jordan's Principle policy changes.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to support member Nations in any legal action that is taken regarding Jordan's Principle, and if necessary, the AIAI to take legal action if ISC continues to be non-compliant in implementing Jordan's Principle.

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**Resolution No. 011/2024
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Case**

MOVED BY:
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SECONDED BY:
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Wahta Mohawks

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WHEREAS, s.35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 has been interpreted by the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC), most notably in *Van Der Peet*, to limit Aboriginal rights to specific continuations of pre-contact and distinctive cultural practices, which actively infringes the generic rights of Indigenous people;

WHEREAS, the *R v Montour*, 2023 QCCS 4154 (*White and Montour*) case is about Haudenosaunee rights to trade tobacco without conditions set by the federal government's *Excise Tax Act*. Relying on Haudenosaunee oral and written accounts, the Quebec Superior Court affirmed that the Covenant Chain is a binding meta-treaty of peace and friendship made under Haudenosaunee law and protocols and is protected under s. 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. The court ruled that First Nations have a generic right to freely pursue their economic interests;

WHEREAS, the *White and Montour* case found *Van der Peet* infringed the rights of Indigenous peoples as affirmed in the *United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, and developed a new 3-part test for determining Aboriginal rights rooted in Indigenous legal systems;

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Quebec has now begun the appeal process before the Quebec Court of Appeal by presenting 13 grounds of appeal alleging the trial Judge erred in its findings affirming the validity of the Covenant Chain, the generic right to freely pursue economic development, and the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations. This appeal will likely to be appealed further to the SCC;

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly agree with their legal counsel, JFK Law LLP, that it is important that the respondents in this appeal be supported by intervening Parties that hold similar interests in the key findings of this case.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) to retain JFK Law LLP to work with Grand Chief Joel Abram in creating an application to seek to intervene in the *White and Montour* appeal before the Quebec Court of Appeal;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, the General Assembly directs the AIAI to work within a \$75,000 budget for this intervention and pursue intervener status and to report back regularly to the General Assembly.