



# CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Ginoogaming First Nation and carried at a Matawa Chiefs meeting at Eagle's Earth Centre in Constance Lake First Nation on September 12 – 14, 2017 to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 14, 2017*

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## RESOLUTION #03-03-08-17

### SUPPORT FOR PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE MATAWA LEARNING CENTRE AND ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

**WHEREAS** the Matawa Learning Centre has been mandated by the Matawa Chiefs to further develop student-centred programming and services that include health care, mental health and addiction treatment, life skills, spiritual and cultural programming as well as recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS** it is anticipated that all Matawa Learning Centre students will require, at some point, counselling and supports for mental health and substance use issues as well as primary care services; and

**WHEREAS** *Recommendations 38, 71 and 85* from the First Nation Youth Inquest direct Canada, Ontario and the Matawa Learning Centre to improve mental health services and supports for Matawa secondary students; and

**WHEREAS** St. Joseph's Care Group has been approached to partner with the Matawa Education Department to provide these health care components in response to the identified needs of students, as recommended in *Recommendation 85* from the First Nation Youth Inquest; and

**WHEREAS** St. Joseph's Care Group has prepared a proposal to provide these services through an integrated care model in partnership with the Matawa Learning Centre and the proposed Matawa Education and Care Centre, in which these services will be fully integrated within the educational facility and will provide students with timely access to services based on assessed level of needs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support this partnership with St. Joseph's Care Group and the proposal to secure funding for these critical supports and services.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** None





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**CARRIED:**

Yes (9) by Education and Training Omnibus Resolution #02-14-09-17 Eagles Earth Centre, Constance Lake First Nation

Chief Executive Officer

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