



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs Council passed at the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Marten Falls First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on July 31, 2014

RESOLUTION #06-31-07-14

FUNDING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE OGOKI FOREST

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has identified the Ogoki Forest as a priority forest management unit for tenure reform given the bankruptcy of Long Lake Forest Products; and

WHEREAS, the Ogoki Forest has long been home to Marten Falls First Nation, Eabametoong First Nation and Aroland First Nation and is within the First Nations' traditional territories; and

WHEREAS, our First Nations have the right to determine the uses to which the land is put and to enjoy its economic fruits and are positioned to develop a number of economic development and management opportunities; and

WHEREAS, our First Nations are working towards the goal of obtaining the Sustainable Forest License or Enhanced Sustainable Forest License for the Ogoki Forest; and

WHEREAS, our First Nations are also working collaboratively in taking on a meaningful role in proactively managing the Ogoki Forest; and

WHEREAS, our First Nations need to identify and study the economic opportunities and utilize available volumes of wood from the Ogoki Forest; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to secure funding from Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada, FedNor, Natural Resources Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and other government departments for a project to study economic opportunities and develop an economic strategic plan for the Ogoki Forest.





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MOVED BY: Chief Elijah K. Moonias, Marten Falls First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED: Yes

Chief Executive Officer

