



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs Council passed at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Long Lake #58 to be effective from and after 9:00am Eastern Standard time on 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2013*

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### RESOLUTION #06-01-08-13

#### REITERATE SUPPORT FOR FOUR FIRST NATIONS STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Four First Nations signed a “Statement of Relationship on March 9, 2010 and “East West Collaborative Agreement”, March 5, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, this Statement of Relationship was supported by way of resolution 2011/#06 by Matawa Chiefs In Assembly at Constance Lake First Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs signed Mamow – Wecheekapawetahteewiin Unity Declaration in Webequie First Nation on July 13, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Four First Nations also signed a “East West Corridor Collaborative Agreement” on March 5, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an-ongoing opportunity for all weather road access and other infrastructure to the Four First Nations from Pickle Lake and / or points west; and

**WHEREAS**, the Four First Nations communities (Eabametoong FN, Neskantaga FN, Nibinamik FN and Webequie FN) requires support of the Matawa Chiefs to reaffirm its support of Resolution 2011/ # 06 for the East West Corridor Collaborative Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Four First Nation communities respects the autonomy of each community to work toward its own interests in visioning and planning including transparent dialogue with other neighboring communities, regarding future planning of the East West Regional Corridor.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Four First Nation communities is requesting support of the Matawa Chiefs Council to secure the political support and financial resources from the Regional Negotiation Strategy to move forward with the East West Regional Corridor Initiative ; and

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED** that the Four First Nation communities support the Ring of Fire Regional Negotiation Strategy; and





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**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support this resolution of the Four First Nations request for political and financial resources from the Regional Negotiation Strategy.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Allen Towegishig, Long Lake #58 First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**CARRIED:** Yes

*Chief Executive Officer*

