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

RESOLUTION #10-01-08-13

BETTER SUPPORT FOR MATAWA MEMBER FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Matawa Economic Development Department is responsible for advisory support to the Matawa member First Nations with their respective economic development initiatives and ventures to help ensure that opportunities for community economic and business development are met; and

WHEREAS, an Economic Development Advisor was appointed in July 2012 to facilitate departmental development, identifying and fostering member First Nations economic development opportunities, providing advice on securing funding for economic development activities and assisting member First Nations organizations, businesses and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa member First Nations face diverse and complex challenges with respect to capacity and support services in business and economic development at all levels – individual, corporate, leadership. Building capacity and support at these levels, through a variety of mechanisms, will help to ensure that economic opportunities once identified, are maximized; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the Matawa member First Nations has operated a non-profit corporation through its Tribal Council to provide technical and professional advisory services and programs to its member First Nations including assisting in facilitating member First Nations economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and Provincial government departments and ministries need to improve the coordination and allocation of economic development funding programs to assist in addressing gaps in services, increase available resources to support Matawa member First Nations and create efficiencies in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Economic Development Department currently receives inadequate funding through Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario (FedNor) and the current level of services do not meet the demands of the member First Nations nor will it be able to meet future rising demands.





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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to secure funding to expand the department with additional human resources in economic and business development support and capacity building;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to request participation on any initiatives by AANDC, FedNor and other government funding programs;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the delegates of the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly appoint Matawa First Nations Management as the primary service provider for economic development and business support programs for the Matawa member First Nations.

MOVED BY: Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED: Yes

Chief Executive Officer

