



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs 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 #21-31-07-14

CORONERS INQUEST INTO DEATHS OF ABORIGINAL YOUTH IN THUNDER BAY

WHEREAS, the deaths of Aboriginal Youth while studying in Thunder Bay have been identified as a very important issue to the Matawa Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs have knowledge of the impacts of deaths of Aboriginal Youth while studying in Thunder Bay as these people are community members, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) and other Aboriginal organizations have been calling for an Inquest into the deaths of Aboriginal youth in Thunder Bay; and

WHEREAS, Justice Frank Iacobucci, wrote a report on Aboriginal involvement on juries and inquests with recommendations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly strongly calls upon the Government of Ontario, and the Government of Canada where its role is necessary, to initiate a Coroner's Inquest into the Deaths of Aboriginal Youth in Thunder Bay; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that such an Inquest into the Deaths of Aboriginal Youth in Thunder Bay, have its Terms of Reference jointly developed with Aboriginal people, that Aboriginal people participate on the jury and that it is able to visit First Nations communities to hear families and community concerns.

MOVED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED: Yes

Chief Executive Officer

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