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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 28th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Eabametoong First Nation and passed at the Matawa Chiefs Council meeting on August 31, 2016 to be effective from and after 1:30 pm Eastern Standard time on August 31, 2016

RESOLUTION #22-28-07-16

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MATAWA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

WHEREAS unprecedented opportunity exists for all Canadians, industry and governments to partner with First Nations in ways that truly unleash economic growth while incorporating socially responsible approaches to natural resource development; and

WHEREAS over the past decade, our First Nations have experienced significant new mineral exploration activity, and multiple proposed advanced developments in the Ring of Fire with Noront's Eagles Nest Nickle Project, Chromite deposits and other developments like the Greenstone Gold Hardrock Project, the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline and commercial forestry opportunities; and

WHEREAS to support the Regional Framework Agreement Negotiations process, Matawa First Nations Management is making efforts to prepare our peoples and our First Nations for eventual development in the Ring of Fire and other mining and infrastructure projects including all-weather roads, transmission lines and broadband fibre-optic cabling; and

WHEREAS Matawa First Nations Management was given a mandate to locate Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment & Training Services (KKETS), Four Rivers Environmental Services Group and other core advisory services in one central location; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Education Department, as directed by the Matawa Chiefs, are undertaking a separate study and decision to build a private high school and residence for the Matawa First Nation communities; and

WHEREAS the expansion of the current Matawa building to support a Matawa Business Development Centre will enable the key programs and services to educate and develop the required skill sets to secure employment in the resource development sector and the Ring of Fire; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Business Development Centre will also function as a business incubator to maximize economic opportunities for our First Nations in developing the Ring of Fire and other regional projects.





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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in assembly direct Matawa First Nations Management to secure funding for the \$8.5 million construction of the Matawa Business Development Centre and support the application for funding.

MOVED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
ABSTENTIONS: 0
CARRIED: (8) Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation not present

Chief Executive Officer

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