



# CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Aroland First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on July 30, 2015

## RESOLUTION #36-30-07-15

### JURISDICTION

**WHEREAS** the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly have heard from their members that jurisdiction is essential and integral to the preservation of First Nations relationships to the land, water, air, and each other in our culture and language; and

**WHEREAS** Elders have met and instructed the Chiefs that jurisdiction must be the overarching objective of the negotiations to tie all the pillars and components of the Regional Framework; and

**WHEREAS** communications, engagement, training, and research is required to seek practical and pro-active application of jurisdiction in the lives of our First Nations members and in the development of self-government options; and

**WHEREAS** at the September 19, 2014 Matawa Chiefs Meeting in Eabametoong First Nation, Resolution 06 – 17/09/14 was passed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the creation of a jurisdiction workgroup, which would:

- 1) Focus on self-government/jurisdiction issues that would bring Elder teachings, best practices and explore options from across Canada which would support First Nations in the Matawa area to address the jurisdiction issue(s).
- 2) Liaise with communities and / Elders to bring a community perspective on jurisdiction.
- 3) Bring jurisdiction paper(s) and engagement/training to communities for greater input.
- 4) Bring jurisdiction direction to Chiefs for negotiations process.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**CARRIED:**

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Chief Executive Officer

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