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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 31st Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Constance Lake First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION #20-01-08-2019

CONFIRMATION OF MATAWA EDUCATION AND CARE CENTRE (MECC) AS AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Matawa First Nations Chiefs have provided several resolutions that support the creation and on-going development of the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) in order to meet the academic, social, cultural, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Matawa First Nations children and youth; and

WHEREAS, MECC through the Matawa Education Department, provides annual activity and financial reports to the Matawa First Nations Education Board of Directors, the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly and to any relevant funding agencies or government departments; and

WHEREAS, MECC throughout its history, has enrolled and provided programming for Matawa First Nations students living off-reserve for whom no tuition funding was available; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly have supported the development of Reverse Tuition Agreements with provincial school boards through Resolution 07-03-08-17 *Reverse Tuition Agreements with Ontario*; and

WHEREAS, MECC has been unsuccessful in negotiating a Reverse Education Service Agreement with a provincial school board; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario will implement new legislation and regulations in September 2019 requiring provincial school boards to enter into Education Service Agreements, or Reverse Education Agreements, to ensure First Nations students can attend the school of their choice; and





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WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario requires that, in order to demonstrate that a First Nations school that is operated by a First Nations organization is eligible to enter into a Reverse Education Service Agreement, it must provide evidence that it is governed by a First Nations entity through a Board resolution or declaration, or a one-time resolution or declaration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly affirm that the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) is governed by a board whose representatives are appointed by the Chiefs and Councils of the First Nations who are members of the Matawa First Nations Management (a federally recognized tribal council); and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly support the creation and implementation of Reverse Education Service Agreements between the Matawa Education and Care Centre and any school boards in Ontario; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education and Care Centre to provide annual reports to the Matawa First Nations Chiefs and education leadership on the development, implementation and success of these agreements.

MOVED BY: Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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