



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 33rd Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION #08-16-09-2021

SUPPORT FOR MATAWA MIDWIFE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS midwifery was practiced for countless generations in Matawa member First Nations as a safe and culturally appropriate way to bring future generations into the world; and

WHEREAS Midwifery Services were identified by Matawa First Nations Health Co-operative (MHC) in their Strategic Planning Sessions; and

WHEREAS there are no-midwifery services in Matawa First Nations currently and families have to leave the community to give birth; and

WHEREAS there is a need to bring back midwifery services as a profession in Matawa communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs Council supports the Matawa Health Co-operative application to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for the Indigenous Midwifery Program to hire midwives which will support Matawa community members in their communities for prenatal, interpartden, consults, births, cultural teachings and post-natal services; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Health Co-operative work with all governments and all department of Matawa First Nations and communities to promote midwifery as a profession and help train up new generation of midwives though various education and training services.

MOVED BY: Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake # 58 First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation





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OPPOSED: None.
ABSENTIONS: None.
CARRIED: Consensus (X)



 Chief Executive Officer

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