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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 29th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Ginoogaming First Nation and carried at a Matawa Chiefs meeting at Eagle's Earth Centre in Constance Lake First Nation on September 12 – 14, 2017 to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 14, 2017

RESOLUTION #06-03-08-17

LONG-TERM, STABLE, RELIABLE AND PREDICTABLE FUNDING FOR MATAWA SECONDARY STUDENTS

WHEREAS funding for Matawa First Nations secondary students is currently restricted by existing policies and protocols related to tuition and eligibility set out by the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; and

WHEREAS under these policies and protocols, many Matawa youth up to age 21 are not eligible to attend secondary school for a variety of reasons, including their age, place of residence, not attending school for an extended period of time, insufficient credits to complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) before the age of 19, and/or expulsion from a provincial high school; and

WHEREAS *Resolutions 62* from the First Nation Youth Inquest directs Canada to “revise current policies to provide tuition to be paid for any First Nation student who wishes to attend a First Nation school off-reserve or MLC regardless of their or their parents’ normal place of residence”; and

WHEREAS *Resolutions 124* from the First Nation Youth Inquest directs Ontario to “work with First Nations communities, school boards, and the federal government to address issues related to tuition agreements”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department, in collaboration with the Regional Advisory Committee on Education and the Chiefs’ Spokesperson for Education, to work with the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to develop a student-centred funding model and policy which will allow funding for Matawa secondary students to support their attendance at the school of their choice, regardless of their place of residence, up to and including the age of 21, and which will follow students who move between schools during the school year ; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to access resources from the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to develop a workplan and related timeline to carry out this work; and





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FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education Department to provide updates to the Chiefs and to the Regional Advisory Committee on Education on a regular basis, and a report to the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly at the 2018 AGM.

MOVED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED (9) Yes (9) by Education and Training Omnibus Resolution #02-14-09-17 Eagle's Earth Centre, Constance Lake First Nation



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