



# CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Marten Falls First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on July 31, 2014*

## RESOLUTION #26-31-07-14

### MATAWA CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa Chiefs have consistently recognized the need for First Nations to have control over their child welfare system; and

**WHEREAS**, the current system does not do enough to support culturally appropriate services that ensure family re-unification, grandparent rights, child support and other needs for First Nations families; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly lobby for a Matawa Child Welfare System that meets their needs, and is community based; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs Council of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct Matawa First Nations Management to seek funding to support a Matawa Child Welfare System.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Sonny Gagnon, Aroland First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**CARRIED:** Yes

*Chief Executive Officer*

