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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 28th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Eabametoong First Nation and passed at the Matawa Chiefs Council meeting on September 2, 2016 to be effective from and after 1:30pm Eastern Standard time on September 2, 2016

RESOLUTION #27-28-07-16

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEGLIGENCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE MATAWA FIRST NATIONS REGION

WHEREAS our First Nations face diverse and complex challenges and opportunities with current and future economic and business development; and

WHEREAS our First Nations require technical expertise training and business support services to respond to these challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS our Matawa Economic Development Department is working directly with our First Nations' economic development staff, economic development corporations and community owned entities to maximize the economic potential of our First Nations; and

WHEREAS there is vast potential for mineral, forestry, energy, tourism and other developmental opportunities in the region which could benefit First Nations; and

WHEREAS our Matawa Economic Development Committee which is made up of economic development staff from each of our First Nations receives no funding through the Federal or Provincial governments and the current level of services do not meet our needs; and

WHEREAS FedNor and INAC have been making unilateral decision and funding other organizations to provide regional services related to economic development, capacity building and community planning that is within our Tribal Council's mission, vision and mandate; and

WHEREAS FedNor and INAC have disregarded and neglected former Matawa Chiefs Assembly Resolutions with their ineffective and inadequate funding allocations creating major problems for advancing economic development and community capacity building for our First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Economic Development Department to secure adequate funding for the Matawa Economic Development Committee and for the department to continue to provide enhanced regional advisory services to the Matawa First Nation communities in the areas of mining, forestry, tourism, energy, etc.; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct Matawa First Nation Management's CEO Office to secure a meeting with Ministers of FedNor and INAC to resolve these matters; and





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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly do not support or recognize any regional funding allocations by INAC and FedNor to other non-Matawa organizations unless specifically supported by the Matawa member First Nations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this support does not supersede, replace or interfere with individual applications to funders or organizations.

MOVED BY: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
ABSTENTIONS: 0
CARRIED: (9)



Chief Executive Officer

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