



# C H I E F S   C O U N C I L

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs tabled at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Eabametoong First Nation and tabled again 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 # 28-28-07-16

### ONTARIO POLITICAL ACCORD

**WHEREAS** the First Nations of Matawa First Nations are sovereign and are Treaty signatories; and

**WHEREAS** each First Nation is unique and has its own community-based decision making process; and

**WHEREAS** the First Nations of Matawa First Nations have come together to sign a Regional Framework Agreement with the Province of Ontario in 2014; and

**WHEREAS** decisions are now being made on resources, regulations and legislation; which stem from the Ontario Political Accord and are side-stepping community based decision making and the Regional Framework Agreement; so

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly state that they do not support the Ontario Political Accord as it infringes upon their inherent rights, community based processes, Regional Framework Agreement and future jurisdiction discussions; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Ontario Regional Chief to inform the Province to exclude Matawa First Nations from the Political Accord; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Ontario Regional Chief to meet with the Matawa Chiefs to make sure Matawa First Nations will be directing their relationship in all areas being discussed with Ontario, not the Chiefs of Ontario.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

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

**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

**CARRIED:** 0 – Tabled

*Chief Executive Officer*

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