



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs Council passed at the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Long Lake #58 to be effective from and after 9:00am Eastern Standard time on 1st of August 2013

RESOLUTION #30-08-01-13

SUPPORT FOR SABOXONE FUNDING FROM HEALTH CANADA

WHEREAS, Matawa First Nations have addressed the Prescription Drug Abuse & Misuse since 2000; and several community-based solutions, methods and approaches have been implemented in the First Nations that lead to the development of the Regional PDAM Strategy entitled “Back to Our Roots: Chii Kee Way Meno Biimadeseyung, the Strategy to Overcome Prescription Drug Abuse/Misuse in the Matawa Communities.”; and

WHEREAS, Matawa First Nations have strongly advocated for use of Suboxone as one method to assist people with opioid and/or narcotic addiction and that all Matawa First Nations are now implementing and/or in a process of implementing a community-based Suboxone Tapering Program; and

WHEREAS, at the 2012 Matawa First Nations “Back to Our Roots Gathering III” in Neskantaga First Nation, issues such as, the availability of Suboxone for all First Nations including the road accessible communities, developing partnerships and collectively working on common regional approaches, developing and supporting holistic treatment programs and incorporating traditional aboriginal appropriate healing techniques were strongly voiced; and

WHEREAS, the access to saboxone treatment has been restricted by Health Canada- Non-Insured Health Benefits.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 25th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly direct Health Canada – Non-Insured Health Benefits to approve all requests for Saboxone medication by all Matawa First Nations people.

MOVED BY: Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Peter Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: None

CARRIED: Yes

Chief Executive Officer

