



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs Council passed at the  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Webeque First Nation to be effective from and after  
3:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2012.*

### RESOLUTION #10 – 08-02-12

#### DRUG-AFFECTED CHILDREN

**WHEREAS:** prescription drug abuse, particularly the abuse of oxycontin, as well as the use of methadone and suboxone, is epidemic in Matawa First Nations;

**AND WHEREAS:** prescription drug abuse may affect children through prenatal exposure or through its impact within their families and communities;

**AND WHEREAS:** the effects of prescription drug abuse may have a significant negative impact on the ability of children to be successful in school, and in later life;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education and Health and Social Services Programs to commission research into the effects of prescription drug abuse in children, with specific reference to children who have had prenatal exposure to oxycontin, methadone and suboxone;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matawa Education and Health and Social Services Programs to utilize this research to identify strategies and supports to assist drug-affected children in Matawa communities.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Roger Wesley, Constance Lake First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webeque First Nation

**ABSTENTIONS:** 0

**CARRIED:** Motion carried.

Chief Executive Officer

