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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 30th Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Nibinamik First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 2, 2018

RESOLUTION #11-02-08-18

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP CAPACITY BUILDING

WHEREAS the watersheds associated with the traditional homelands of the Matawa member First Nations span over 300,000 square kilometers across northern Ontario; and,

WHEREAS these watersheds form an integral part of our shared culture and heritage, and the sustained health of the waters is connected to the well-being and long-term sustainability of our communities; and,

WHEREAS there are currently no conservation authorities or watershed management plans in-place for the vast majority of the watersheds associated with Matawa member First Nations, and;

WHEREAS our communities intend to take a leading role in the active stewardship of the watersheds associated with the traditional homelands of the Matawa member First Nations, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Management will seek opportunities and applicable funding for our member First Nations to increase capacity to actively steward our community watersheds; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that watershed stewardship projects provide opportunities to engage our Elders and other appropriate community members to obtain Traditional Knowledge and build capacity; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that all watershed stewardship initiatives will be guided by and centered in community values, priorities, and processes; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the ownership of any Traditional Knowledge data collected through watershed stewardship initiatives will be retained by the associated First Nation; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Traditional Knowledge data collected through water stewardship initiatives that is deemed confidential by the First Nation will not be directly or indirectly disclosed or published without the consent of the First Nation; and,





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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Management will establish and maintain effective security measures to safeguard all confidential data from unauthorized access, use, copying or disclosure; and,

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa member First Nation Chiefs support Matawa First Nations Management's proposal to Global Waters Futures for watershed stewardship capacity building; and,

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that any researchers involved in this project, or others, will seek consent/approval and will respect the protocols of each First Nations before conducting research related to their First Nation's ancestral lands.

MOVED BY:	Chief Veronica Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation
SECONDED BY:	Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
ABSTENTIONS:	None
CARRIED:	Yes (9)

Chief Executive Officer

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