



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 31st Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Constance Lake First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION #06-01-08-2019

SUPPORT FOR *JOURNEY TO OUR HOMELANDS* MATAWA COMMUNITY AND FIRST NATION MEMBER INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the traditional and current land usage of the Matawa traditional territory and homelands is an important activity for Matawa communities and our First Nation members; and

WHEREAS, the Nibinamik First Nation supports two (2) Nibinamik First Nation Elders Mr. Tommy Yellowhead and Mr. Stephen Neshinapaise in hosting a '*Journey To Our Homelands*' four (4) day canoe trip from Nibinamik First Nation to Pinnaemootang (Eyes Lake); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the initiative is to encourage and demonstrate the traditional and current land usage for all Matawa communities and First Nation members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly support the '*Journey To Our Homelands*' by old canoe routes and encourage all Matawa communities and First Nation members to participate in homeland based activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resources such as the Nishnawbe Aski Nation 'Choose Life Program' be requested to consider making a financial contribution towards the cost of this initiative; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly request the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Chiefs of Ontario and Assembly of First Nations to assist in the media and communications components of this initiative, in order to raise awareness of the Matawa traditional territory and homelands initiatives.

MOVED BY: Chief Harvey Yesno, Eabametoong First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Chris Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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