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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 #07-01-08-2019

SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A MATAWA TWO SPIRITS GROUP

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs Assembly support the creation of a Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiwin Group that are proposing to hold an annual gathering for LGBTQ2S youth from the Matawa First Nations communities which will address the serious matter impacting our youth through suicide, self-harm, social isolation, bullying, social exclusion and stigma; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs Assembly recognizes the need to have a new innovative strategy, approach and plan in place for suicide prevention and address the stigma and related issues being plagued by our LGBTQ2S youth within our Matawa First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS, Matawa Chiefs Assembly approve the newly formed Two Spirits group whom propose to name their group as “Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiwin” group; and

WHEREAS, a proposal with a term of reference is submitted to the Matawa Chiefs Assembly with a detailed budget for the proposed gathering in March 24-26, 2020 is dually reviewed and approved; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs Assembly will support the Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiwin group with sponsorship and funding will be flowed through Matawa First Nations Management where they will provide financial management and logistical support; and

WHEREAS, each First Nation agrees to provide a small “IN-KIND” financial support to the Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiwin gathering in the amount of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, each First Nation will send two delegates from their perspective communities to attend the gathering to address the suicide epidemic and assist in developing a strategy on an





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effective approach to suicide prevention/intervention and address stigma behind LGBTQ2S youth in the Matawa Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly direct Matawa First Nations Management to assist Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiiwin Group in the financial management and logistics of the gathering and any other supports that maybe required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly approve of the Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiiwin Gathering to be held in March 24-26, 2020 in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Matawa First Nations Management will endeavor to consult with the Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiiwin group in assisting with their vision and mission statements in holding the gathering in March 24-26, 2020 and Matawa Kiiwaytiinook Niisho’Achak Piimatiisiiwin will submit a final report to the Matawa Chiefs Assembly on the conclusion of the gathering.

MOVED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Celia Echum, Ginoogaming First Nation

TABLED.

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