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RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 33rd Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION #04-16-09-2021

RESOURCES FOR BACK TO OUR ROOTS: CHII KEE WAY MENO BIIMADESEYUNG REVIEW/RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS the Matawa Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin developed *Back to Our Roots: Chii Kee Way Meno Biimadeseyung-the Strategy to Overcome Prescription Drug Abuse/Misuse in Matawa Communities* (2012) which identified four key areas to address and eleven specific regional initiatives; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin have held “Back to Our Roots Gathering” in each Matawa member First Nation; and

WHEREAS the Matawa Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin have conducted a review of the *Back to Our Roots: Chii Kee Way Meno Biimadeseyung Strategy*; and

WHEREAS Matawa member First Nations are experiencing an increase in the use of illicit drugs/new drugs in our communities and by community members as well as an increase in the numbers of overdoses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council hereby fully support and endorse the *Review of Back to Our Roots: Chii Kee Way Meno Biimadeseyung* document as presented on September 14, 2021.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawa Chiefs Council hereby fully support Matawa Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin to continue addressing the key areas, action for change, new findings and recommendations as identified in the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matawa Chiefs Council hereby support Matawa Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin to seek and advocate for increased resources for each Matawa First Nation for adequate funding; and





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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the provincial and federal governments to increase financial resources for Matawa member First Nations for their PDA/Addictions/Treatment programs.

MOVED BY: Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake # 58 First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

OPPOSED: None.
ABSENTIONS: None.
CARRIED: Consensus (X)



Chief Executive Officer

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