



CHIEFS COUNCIL

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 #09-16-09-2021

MATAWA CHIEFS COUNCIL DIRECT CONTINUED AND ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE AWASHISHEWIIIGIIHIWAYWIN PROGRAM

Whereas the Matawa Chiefs Council began the process of creating a *Matawa Child and Family Services Framework* through Resolution 02-04/04/2019 *Matawa Social Services Framework* due to the high number of Matawa member First Nations children in care; and

Whereas the Matawa Chiefs Council in Resolution 09-11/09/2020 *Matawa Child and Family Services* called for the exploration, assessment and a plan be developed for the creation of an overall Matawa First Nations Child and Family Services Agency; and

Whereas Matawa member First Nations are just beginning the journey of taking over their services, developing policy, capacity building and exercising their jurisdiction as recognized in the federal Bill C-92 *An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families* (Royal Assent June 21, 2019).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin Program continue to work in partnership with Matawa member First Nations as they build capacity, develop policies, community education tools, and develop protocols to support the exploration of Child Welfare Jurisdiction.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Matawa Chiefs Council support the MFNM Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin Program seeking additional capacity funds to support this important initiative.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the MFNM Awashishewiigiihiwaywiin Program to update progress on roll out at next the next Matawa Annual General Meeting in 2022.

MOVED BY: Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake # 58 First Nation





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

Chief Executive Officer

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