



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 34th Annual General Meeting in Webequie First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 26, 2022.

RESOLUTION #17-28-07-2022

MATAWA MEMBER FIRST NATIONS REJECT METIS ASSERTIONS IN THE MATAWA HOMELANDS AND TERRITORIES

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have adopted a pan-Indigenous approach to the rights of First Nations that are recognized and affirmed under the *Constitution Act*, 1982 Section 35, and;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has enacted the *Metis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Act*, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has enacted the *Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement*, 2019 with the Metis Nation of Ontario, and;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario are incorporating into their legislations, regulation and policy their obligatory and legally required recognition of the Metis Nation of Ontario, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council and Matawa member First Nations reject any Metis assertions being made in the Matawa homelands and territories, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the position of the Matawa Chiefs Council that there is no historic basis for the recognition of any Metis rights in the land now subject to James Bay Treaty No. 9 (1905-06 and 1929-30) and the Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5., and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council also further reject the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario's recognition of the Metis claims as an Indigenous People group as Constitutional equals to the First Nations people of the Matawa member First Nations, and;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct that the rejection of the assertion of any Metis rights in the Matawa homelands and territories will also apply to any legal strategies or challenges, and regional or national First Nations discussions related to the rights and interests of our People including the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, 2021.

MOVED BY: Ogamakan Michael Sugarhead, Nibinamik First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

OPPOSITION(S): None





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ABSTENTION(S): None

CARRIED: Consensus

Chief Executive Officer

