

FIRST NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Ginoogaming First Nation
Longlac, Ontario
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Chronological No. 2023-2024-070

The Council of the	Ginoogaming First Nation
Province	Ontario
Date	May 15, 2024

Ginoogaming FN State of Emergency Due to Rising Crime

- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation Chief and Council maintain our sovereignty, self-determination, and inherent jurisdiction throughout our homelands; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nations has seen a spike in drug and alcohol related criminal activity; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation members, especially women, children and elderly are targeted and victimized by violence, including sexual assaults, physical assaults and deprived of their safety; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation is also suffering from unresolved historical traumas and the effects from recent suicides in the community, resulting in higher mental health rates, more substance abuse, and overdoses; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation is on Highway 11 and has seen persons from outside the area move into housing on the reserve; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation has issued warnings and by-laws regarding drugs, alcohol and evicting non-community members who have been known to traffic illicit substances; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation has contracted community peacekeepers as preventative action at their own costs; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation has promoted community safety, mental health, and addiction support programs as a preventive response; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation has appealed to Anishinabek Police Services (APS) that provides shared policing on the reserve, and to Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), also providing policing, to make a full-time police presence in the community to deter criminal activity; and
- Whereas** APS and OPP have failed to provide full-time policing in the First Nation; and
- Whereas** this is a lack of support by both Police Forces to charge individuals and Attorney-Generals at the federal and provincial level to prosecute individuals who commit crimes on First Nations; and
- Whereas** Ginoogaming First Nation leadership are overwhelmed by this situation due to the fears of community members and their public safety; and
- Whereas** there is a lack of support to Ginoogaming First Nation to address this crisis in terms of human, financial and technical support.

Therefore, Be It Resolved
that Ginoogaming First Nation Chief and Council declare a State of Emergency in First Nation due to an epidemic of crime incidents in the First Nations; and

Be It Further Resolved
that Ginoogaming First Nation Chief and Council call on all levels of government, health providers, the justice community, social services agencies, and families to collectively support Ginoogaming First Nation in this crisis; and

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that short, medium, and long-term collaborative plans be developed with the First Nation, regional policing agencies, and others to address community safety and wellbeing of First Nation members; and

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that Canada and Ontario provide full-time, on-site policing services to Ginoogaming First Nation; and

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that the federal and provincial government – our Treaty Partners - provide immediate support and resources to Ginoogaming First Nation to address the drug crisis, including fiscal and human resources to support Ginoogaming First Nations’ work to create community-led programs and services related to public health, prevention, harm reduction, community safety, healing, community education, and drug awareness.

Be It Finally Resolved

that there be an ongoing annual review of community safety and wellbeing of Ginoogaming First Nation by all parties to determine effectiveness and ongoing needs.

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