



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Aroland First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 29, 2025*

### RESOLUTION #09-31-07-2025

#### SUPPORT FOR MATAWA HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE YOUTH-BASED SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs and delegates have supported and passed previous resolutions (RESOLUTION #03-01-08-2024 SUPPORT FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUTH AT THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & RESOLUTION #14-28-07-2022 DEVELOPMENT OF A MATAWA FIRST NATIONS YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY) which stand in support of wholistic youth mental health and wellness services, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa youth have directly expressed in various youth engagement sessions (Matawa Health Co-operative Youth Summit 2023 & 2024) the necessity of having access to cultural and traditional based services that support healing and reclamation of Indigenous identity/ways of life, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Matawa youth have directly expressed in various youth engagement sessions (Matawa Health Co-operative Youth Summit 2023 & 2024) the necessity of having access to mental health services and counsellors in their community that can support beyond times of immediate crisis, and;

**WHEREAS**, youth-based services (including recreation, mental health/wellness, and cultural-land based) which are delivered on-reserve through Matawa Health Co-operative departmental programs and services, have, to-date, been primarily funded through Jordan's Principle, and;

**WHEREAS** in February of 2025, Jordan's Principle issued an operational bulletin which implemented extensive changes to eligibility and requirements of group funding requests and this had significant adverse impacts on Matawa Health Co-operative's (MHC) youth programs and services, as without funding, MHC's capacity to sustain youth mental health and wellness services remains uncertain, and;

**WHEREAS**, annual funding will be required in order to sustain youth-based services (including recreation, mental health/wellness, and cultural-land based), so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs-in-Assembly and delegates support Matawa Health Co-operative in advocating for the necessity of such youth-based services (including recreation, mental health/wellness, and cultural-land based), and;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Health Co-operative will coordinate with other Matawa First Nations Management departments who also offer youth programs or services.





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**MOVED BY:**

**Chief Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake #58 First Nation**

**SECONDED BY:**

**Chief Sonny Gagnon, Aroland First Nation**

**OPPOSITION(S): 0**

**ABSTENTION(S): 0**

**CARRIED.**

  
Chief Executive Officer

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