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SUBJECT: First Nations Food Safety Research Study

MOVED BY: Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, ON

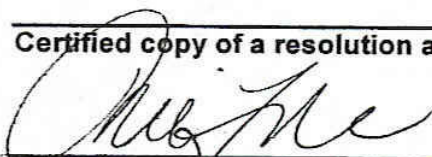
SECONDED BY: Doug Kelly, Proxy Kwaw-Kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC

DECISION: Carried by consensus.

WHEREAS:

- A. Many First Nations Peoples continue to rely heavily on their traditional food systems for their socio-cultural, economic, physical and spiritual well-being; and
- B. First Nations traditional food systems are being threatened by environmental contaminants; and
- C. There is a growing concern among First Nations people regarding the presence of environmental contaminants, including heavy metals, in their traditional foods and the health implications of consuming such foods; and
- D. The AFN has recently completed a review of literature on this subject (2006-2007 Fiscal) and has determined that a research gap exists on the full health implications of consuming traditional foods which have been exposed to environmental contaminants; and
- E. The AFN has partnered with the University of British Columbia, the University of Montreal, FNIHB - Health Canada, and the Public Health Agency of Canada to collaborate, as full partners, on a research study related to traditional food safety and First Nations health; and

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- F. The goals of this research are to address the environmental concerns among First Nations regarding their traditional food sources, to help develop plans to protect traditional food systems, and to promote well-being and healthy lifestyles; and
- G. The objectives of this research are to document traditional and market food consumption, estimate exposure to contaminants and intake of nutrients of concern across communities; document self-reported health status and lifestyle habits across communities and to document food related needs and concerns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the Assembly of First Nations to collaborate with the above mentioned partners in this research initiative.
2. The AFN provide technical support on all aspects of the research process including, the research protocols, research tools, methodology, and the interpretation and communication of results.
3. The Chiefs-in-Assembly direct FNIHB - Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada to adequately fund this research initiative to ensure that the objectives of the study are met and the research findings are sound.
4. The research project incorporates an appropriate cross section of First Nation communities to ensure that the research findings and results will apply to the broadest spectrum of First Nations possible.

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