SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2011, OTTAWA, ON

Resolution no.62/2011

TITLE:	Support for the National Indian Football Association
SUBJECT:	Sport
MOVED BY:	Chief Dalton Silver, Sumas First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Doug White, Snuneymuxw First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Native Indian Football Association (NIFA) has been in existence for over 20 years and has developed players and coaches to ensure all aboriginal athletes have equal opportunity to strive towards the highest levels of national and international teams and competitions, and to organize and host soccer camps and elite tournaments that will enhance development of youth players within aboriginal communities in Canada.

B. The NIFA is in a position to take aboriginal soccer programs to the highest level of development and competition and wishes to use a holistic approach based on traditional methods and technical / tactical skill development. Working with aboriginal and non-aboriginal soccer organizations NIFA will develop the highest standard training plans available to athletes and coaches.

C. NIFA is working to create elite coach workshops, who will in turn coach youth and senior elite teams, from local, regional and national identification camps, that will lead to national and international competitions.

D. The NIFA have built international partners via international football and cultural exchanges around the world, have developed a first ever memorandum of understanding with a USA counterpart, which provides all people the opportunity to build human relationships of friendship, respect the cultural diversity and understanding through sport.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Support i the Native Indian Football Association (NIFA) as they work to build on the 20 years of football (soccer) in First Nations in Canada and North America in the development of NIFA coaches at both the grassroots level to international level competitions. The Approach will be a holistic one offering relevant traditional philosophies that integrate universal elite sport development models.

2. Call on soccer organizations, sports support organizations and business corporations to assist NIFA with financial support to develop short and long term football (soccer) development programs for First Nation youth and their coaches across Canada.

3. Call on Aboriginal sports organizations to support and assist in the development of national level development pool teams (men and women) who will play in pilot international friendlies versus Indigenous Brazil FUNAI (the National Indian Foundation) in January ,2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and assist team preparations for the first ever Indigenous Football Cup in 2014 in Brazil.

4. Support the NIFA development of long term program strategies of sport and soccer infra-structure that will give opportunity for First Nation youth to build careers and play soccer at the level of their choice, lead to healthy lifestyles, wellness and become positive role models.

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