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

Resolution no.61/2011

TITLE:	Support for Promotion of Lacrosse to First Nation Communities in Canada
SUBJECT:	Sport
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, Mohawks of Akwesasne, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Ian Campbell, Squamish Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The game of lacrosse was originated by the Indigenous Nations of North America and was played as a healing or medicine game by the Nations as well as honoring Elders, medicine and spiritual leaders and finally as a tribute to the Creator for the gift of life.

B. The game of lacrosse is the fastest growing team sport in North America and has evolved as an international sport enjoyed by nations around the world.

C. The game of lacrosse was proclaimed by the Canadian Parliament in 1994 as it national summer sport.

D. The game of lacrosse actively contributes to greater health and physical fitness and is viewed as an important element of cultural identity by First Nations communities.

E. The Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) and its member associations have had limited success in introducing and promoting the game of lacrosse in Indigenous communities.

F. The Pan Am Games will be held in Toronto, Ontario in 2015.

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

1. Support greater awareness and promotion of the game of lacrosse to every First Nation community in Canada.

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2. Direct the National Chief and the AFN Executive Committee to support the development of a National Indigenous committee to coordinate a strategy of introducing and promoting the game of lacrosse to as many First Nation communities as possible.
3. Support Lacrosse being held as a demonstration sport at the 2015 Pan Am Games.

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