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**SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY  
DECEMBER 6, 7, & 8, 2016; GATINEAU, QC**

**Resolution no. 106/2016**

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**TITLE:** North American Indigenous Games Residency Rule

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**SUBJECT:** Sports & Recreation

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**MOVED BY:** Chief Reginald Bellerose, Muskowekwan First Nation, SK

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**SECONDED BY:** Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastapaysin Band of the Cree Nation, SK

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**DECISION** Carried by Consensus

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) states:
- i. Article 7 (1): Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.
  - ii. Article 24 (2): Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right.
- B. The North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) has a requirement that restricts band members who live out of their home province from playing with their provincial team.
- C. More than half of the First Nations population reside off-reserve, including many young First Nation members.

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to respectfully call upon the North American Indigenous Games to reform residency requirements to allow members of First Nations, who live out of province, to play with their provincial team regardless of place of residence.

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2. Direct the AFN to report back to Chiefs-in-Assembly on the progress of this work at the 2017 Annual General Assembly.

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