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| TITLE: | Furthering Work on Economic and Trade Cooperation |
| SUBJECT: | Economic Policy and Practices |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Joanna Bernard, Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, NB |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief Cameron Alexis, Alexis First Nation, AB |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. The AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) has worked to improve economic options available to First Nations.

B. AFN CCED has, as part of its work to improve economic support options:
   a. Supported work by AFN to draft the early underpinnings to an inter-nation trade cooperation concept which was further supported by the Chiefs in Assembly via resolution 08/2009;
   b. Begun to plan a second national economic summit to promote First Nation inclusion in green energy, construction, mining and other sectors, along with a special focus on trade;
   c. Begun to promote improved work relationships with the corporate community and is now examining an approach to make work relationships more valuable at the community and regional level as a second phase of its work;
   d. Supported activity of an Academic Table which provides advice on economic research and making an impact on reducing First Nation Poverty;
   e. Begun to discuss coordination with national technical organizations aimed at assisting community development;
   f. Discussed efforts to support First Nations engaging in revenue generation as part of a national gaming advocacy effort;
   g. Advocated strongly to the federal Government that it need to consider an improved approach to engage First Nation input in their Federal Framework on Aboriginal Economic Development; and

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h. Recommended that measures be taken by the federal Government to safeguard First Nation economic development local program resources and ensure these resources reach First Nation communities.

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

1. Support the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) in its continued efforts to advocate for First Nation economic growth and the development of options to secure greater economic independence.
2. Support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including its references to Indigenous peoples having the right to maintain contacts, relations and cooperation, including activities for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes, with their own members as well as other peoples across borders.
3. Call upon the federal Government to provide funding to initiate activities articulated by proposals and work plans.
4. Direct the AFN CCED to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in December 2010.

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