ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 20, 21 & 22, 2010, WINNIPEG, MB

Resolution no. 04/2010

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| TITLE: | Support for Grassy Narrows and Other Mercury Impacted Communities |
| SUBJECT: | Environmental Protection / Health Advocacy |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Simon Fobister, Grassy Narrows First Nation, ON |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief Warren White, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, ON |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. It has been 40 years since Ontario first banned fishing on the English Wabigoon River system due to mercury contamination from the Dryden paper mill chemical plant.

B. Recently released studies by Dr. Harada show that 79% of people tested in 2002 and 2004 in Grassy Narrows and Wabasseemoong displayed systems of Minamata Disease, Minamata Disease with complications, or possible Minamata Disease.

C. Dr. Harada found that the Mercury Disability Board acknowledged only 38% of the people he diagnosed with Minamata Disease, Minamata Disease with complications, or possible Minamata disease, implying that there are many patients still suffering that have not been acknowledged yet.

D. Children are still being born in Grassy Narrows with health problems arising from mercury poisoning, two generations after the poisoning was publicized.

E. Externally imposed industrial waste and resource extraction compounds the damage from residential schools, hydro damming, and mercury poisoning that have negatively impacted the health, culture and livelihood of Grassy Narrows.

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

1. Collectively support the people of Grassy Narrows and their demands on governments, and mandate the AFN to advocate on their behalf, including the following requirements:
   a. Governments must come to the table to address mercury contamination;
   b. Governments need to acknowledge mercury poisoning in Grassy Narrows and strengthen Health Canada mercury safety guidelines to protect all life including people;
   c. Permanent monitoring of the situation and ongoing funding for Grassy Narrows-run environmental centre, which includes training for youth;
   d. Institute mechanisms to stop industry from polluting the water and air; and
   e. Restore Grassy Narrows' control over Grassy Narrows Territory, including putting a stop to clear-cut logging, as this contributes to the leaching of mercury into waterways.

2. Call on the Government of Ontario to establish a public inquiry into the ongoing health impacts of mercury poisoning.

3. Direct the AFN and National Chief to advocate on behalf of Grassy Narrows and present, as appropriate, the issues of mercury poisoning, water protection, and justice for Grassy Narrows and other mercury impacted communities to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minster of Health, and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, as well as to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Health, the Minster of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Minister of Environment, and to other relevant Ministers.

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