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

Resolution no. 21/2010

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| TITLE: | Call for Increase in Day Care Funding |
| SUBJECT: | First Nation Day Cares |
| MOVED BY: | Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief R. Don Maracle, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, ON |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. Funding for the First Nation and Inuit Child Care Initiative has not been increased in the last 14 years and is based on outdated statistics from 1996 which do not reflect current needs.

B. The renewed initiative now referred to as the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) will be in effect in October 2010 and fails to address the real funding requirements of First Nation day care centres.

C. Under the new ASETS agreement, all First Nation daycares must be licensed within five years. However, they are not provided the requisite funding to meet the conditions and standards as set through the new ASETS agreements.

D. Currently funding for on-reserve First Nation children is capped at $6000.00 per child, while Manitoba provides for children off-reserve at a base amount of $15,376 per child. In addition, funding for off reserve children allows for other services, such as special needs and subsidized child care spaces.

E. This inequity in funding results in a two-tiered system where First Nations are not provided with adequate child care spaces/ centres, wage parity, training and development, access to capital and renovations funding and an inability to meet provincial standards and regulations.

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

1. Direct the National Chief and Assembly of First Nations to advocate for increased funding over that currently provided through the First Nation and Inuit Child Care Initiative, Human Resources Development Canada.

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