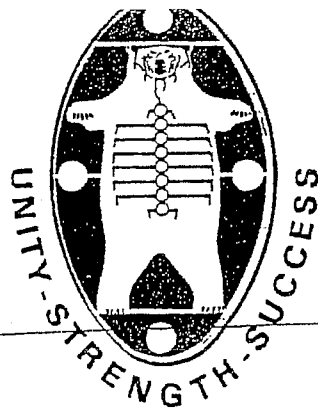


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RESOLUTION 00/17 NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION DECADE FOR YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Nishnawbe Aski Nation First Nations continue to experience a youth suicide epidemic, which has devastated families and communities;

WHEREAS the main recommendations of the January 2000 Nishnawbe Aski Nation Suicide Prevention Conference focused on building youth leadership and life opportunities, ensuring meaningful participation of youth in First Nation communities, encouraging community planning of careers and skills development for youth, promoting First Nation economic development strategies, and urging zero tolerance for sexual abuse;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly, ratify the report from the Suicide Prevention Conference, *"The Journey Continues: A Change for Our Children"*, and the seven resolutions passed at the Conference;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Executive Council is mandated to seek funding for the implementation of the workplan of the Chiefs Task Force to oversee the suicide prevention program;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly, solemnly declare 2000-2010 to be the Decade for Youth and Development, and mandate the Executive Council and the Chiefs Task Force to develop an action plan to make this Declaration meaningful.

DATED AT ATTAWAPISKAT FIRST NATION TRADITIONAL TERRITORY, THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2000.

MOVED BY: Chief Shirley Horn
Missanable Cree First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Norman Brown
Wapekeka First Nation

CARRIED.



Grand Chief



Deputy Grand Chief