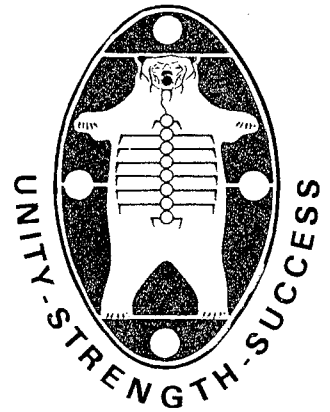


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## RESOLUTION 02/12 SUPPORT FOR THE NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION DECADE OF YOUTH GATHERING AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH COUNCILS

**WHEREAS** there has always been a strong commitment by community leadership and Elders to identify, support and mentor youth to gain the skills and knowledge needed to take on increasing leadership roles and lead the communities for the next generation;

**WHEREAS** the youth of Nishnawbe Aski Nation have provided input to the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs through the Youth Forum, the 2000 Nishnawbe Aski Nation Suicide Prevention Conference and presentations at Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs' meetings that they would like an increased role in community decision making as well as representation at the Tribal Council and Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs levels;

**WHEREAS** a Nishnawbe Aski Nation Decade for Youth and Development was declared by the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs through Resolution 00/17, focused on building youth leadership and life opportunities, ensuring meaningful participation of youth in First Nations communities, encouraging community planning of careers and skill development for youth, promoting First Nation economic development strategies and promoting zero tolerance for sexual abuse;

**WHEREAS** a Decade for Youth Gathering has been planned for summer, 2002 to bring youth representatives together to elect a Nishnawbe Aski Nation-wide Youth Council and further develop plans for the Decade in the areas of community youth councils and leadership development, economic development, life skills, health and social issues, education and training, recreation, communications, culture and spirituality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly, support the Decade for Youth Gathering to be held in the summer of 2002 and the election of a Nishnawbe Aski Nation-wide Youth Council by the youth delegates to direct the Decade;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chief and Councils support the set up and/or further development of First Nation Youth Councils in each community and provide these Youth Councils with clear protocols for representation, input and decision making on the Band Council and community boards/committees;

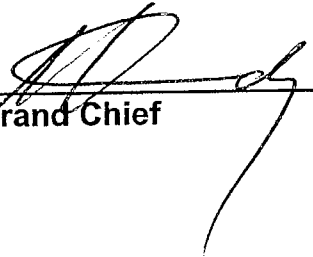
**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that First Nations, Tribal Councils, and Nishnawbe Aski Nation mandated agencies place a special emphasis on securing youth representation, planning with and working with youth, and supporting youth with special initiatives throughout the Decade.


**DATED AT TIMMINS, ONTARIO, THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2002.**

**MOVED BY: Chief Laura Medeiros  
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