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RESOLUTION NO. 1999-09-10

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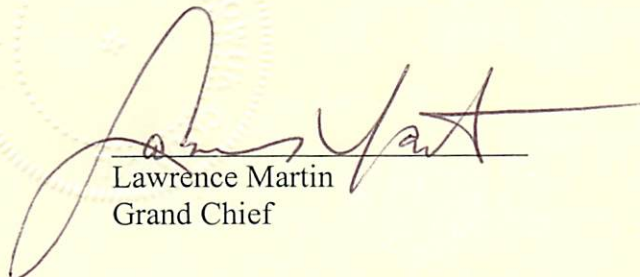
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ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

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passed on September 2, 1999

Missanabie Cree
First Nation



Lawrence Martin
Grand Chief

September 2, 1999
Fort Albany, Ontario

CREE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk Council Chiefs in Assembly have long recognized the importance of the Omushkegowuk Cree Language and culture; and

WHEREAS the retention of Cree Language will be an essential component of self-government and self-determination for Mushkegowuk First Nations; and

WHEREAS many past Assemblies have supported the development of Cree Language programs aimed at promoting, developing and retaining the use of Cree language throughout Mushkegowuk communities; and

WHEREAS the desire has been expressed by membership of the Mushkegowuk Council for an increase in the use of Cree language by organizations operating within Mushkegowuk territory; and

WHEREAS current practices in the teaching of Cree Language within the schools are failing to ensure the retention of Cree Language among young people; and

WHEREAS Cree Language courses are needed in addition to Ojibway Language courses currently offered in some of the schools serving Mushkegowuk First Nation members; and

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WHEREAS a more specialized and regionally supported effort is required to consolidate and strengthen all of the programs concerned with the retention of Cree Language; and

WHEREAS initial funding has been received to establish a committee to work toward development of a regional Cree Language Institute within Mushkegowuk territory; and

WHEREAS the Cree Language Institute will eventually undertake research, support community language initiatives, provide training and develop fully accredited Cree Language courses at all levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Chiefs in Assembly endorse and support the initial establishment of a regional Cree Language Committee mandated to work toward the development of a Cree Language Institute serving the people of the Mushkegowuk Cree Nation.