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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 14TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 1999-09-13

Attawapiskat
First Nation

MOVED BY:

Chief Ignace Gull
Attawapiskat First Nation

FIRST NATION FINANCIAL DEFICITS

Kashechewan
First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Chief Dan Koosees
Kashechewan First Nation

WHEREAS First Nations in the Mushkegowuk territory, and elsewhere, often find themselves in overall financial deficit situations when attempting to balance community needs with the amounts and conditions of federal funding;

Fort Albany
First Nation

WHEREAS the community needs and demands by the political and financial managers of Mushkegowuk First Nations are of an urgency and nature qualitatively different from that faced by most other Canadian communities due to geographical distances, longstanding infrastructure deficiencies and important cultural differences;

Moose Cree
First Nation

ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

New Post
First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution
passed on September 2, 1999

WHEREAS as a result Mushkegowuk community members must tolerate a level of community services which other Canadians would consider totally inadequate and unacceptable for their own communities;

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Missanabie Cree
First Nation

WHEREAS the deficits often experienced by Mushkegowuk First Nations (and other First Nations) result in part from the overall inadequacy of the level of funding transferred from the federal government to the Mushkegowuk First Nations (and other First Nations), which funding levels continues to be an unconscionably tiny fraction of the value of the wealth which the federal and other governments, and

Lawrence Martin
Grand Chief

September 2, 1999
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Canadian people in general, have derived from Mushkegowuk territory;

WHEREAS the deficits often experienced by Mushkegowuk First Nations (and other First Nations) result in part from specific federal government funding policies, which often do not allow for the realities of inflation, increasing populations, day to day changes in community needs, facilities and services which all other Canadians regard as essentials of life and the surrounding natural environment;

WHEREAS First Nation financial deficits, whatever the cause, are an important managerial, political and psychological burden on First Nation communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need to continue to work on specific and general political and management solutions to the financial deficit problems experienced from time to time by Mushkegowuk First Nations communities, including a more just overall funding level from the federal government, improved specific and detailed financial policies at INAC that are more suited to the management realities of First Nations, and improved internal management policies that increase the financial effectiveness of First Nation administration.