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MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 15TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-08-13

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MOVED BY:

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Chief Ignace Gull
Attawapiskat First Nation

Fort Albany
First Nation

SECONDED BY:

Chief Leo Friday
Kashechewan First Nation

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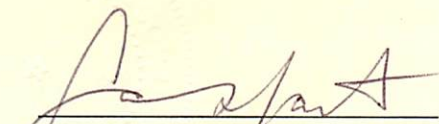
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ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution
passed on August 30, 2000

Missanabie Cree
First Nation


Lawrence Martin
Grand Chief

August 30, 2000
Kashechewan, Ontario

SENSITIVITY IN THE JUDICIAL AND CORRECTIONS SYSTEM

WHEREAS Mushkegowuk citizens have always valued the concepts of family and the dignity of individuals; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, Mushkegowuk citizens come into conflict with the non-native judicial and corrections system with the result that members are taken out of our communities and placed in correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS the non-native judicial and corrections system is in many ways incompatible with our traditions and rights, and tends to discriminate against First Nations persons and have a disproportionate impact on us; and

WHEREAS Mushkegowuk citizens who are removed from our communities and incarcerated are sometimes allowed by the existing system to return home for short periods to attend family funerals or to support family members in crisis, but such visits are conducted in a way which unnecessarily degrades Mushkegowuk citizens, such as by compelling individuals to appear at funerals bound in shackles;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Assembly urges officials in the judicial and correctional system to develop practices and protocols which respect our citizens and which avoid practices such as unnecessary public shackling.