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**Mushkegowuk Council
20th Annual Assembly 2005**

Resolution No. 2005-09-20

Moved by:

**Customary Care for Children –
Payukotayno**

Attawapiskat
First Nation

Chief Leo Friday
Kashechewan First Nation

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk Chiefs have approved Payukotayno: James & Hudson Bay Family Services as the Child Welfare Authority for the Mushkegowuk Region; and

Kashechewan
First Nation

Seconded by:

Chief Mike Carpenter
Attawapiskat First Nation

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Chiefs in Assembly that Payukotayno initiate the traditional practices of Customary Care for children in the Mushkegowuk area as an alternate and less intrusive measure to the current Family Court system; and

Fort Albany
First Nation

Moose Cree
First Nation

Adopted by Consensus

WHEREAS Customary Care is recognized under section 10 of the Child and Family Services Act; and

New Post
First Nation

Certified copy of a Resolution
passed on Sept. 22, 2005

WHEREAS the Ministry and the Province of Ontario have been reluctant to recognize the initiation and application of customary care by Native Child Welfare Authorities in the Province of Ontario, including Payukotayno; and

Chapleau Cree
First Nation

Missanabie Cree
First Nation


Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

WHEREAS the Ministry and the Province of Ontario under its Foster and Customary Care services does not take into consideration the geographic and high cost of living in the north in its established rates for foster and customary care rates; and

September 22, 2005
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WHEREAS it is desirable for Payukotayno to establish its own Customary Care guidelines in conjunction with the First Nations in the Mushkegowuk territory despite the challenges created by the Ministry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct Payukotayno to establish Customary Care guidelines and appropriate allowance rates for children in care in conjunction with the respective communities serviced by Payukotayno.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct that upon completion and approval of the Customary Care guidelines for children in care by the community leadership, they be implemented by Payukotayno no later than January 2006.