

Mushkegowuk Council

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Mushkegowuk Council 36th Annual Mamowihitowin

Moved by: Deputy Chief Earl Cheechoo Moose Cree First Nation

Seconded by: William Cachagee, Elder Delegate Chapleau Cree First Nation

Carried

Certified copy of a resolution passed on September 14, 2022

Alison Linklater, Grand Chief

September 13, 2022 Moose Factory, ON. **Resolution No. 2022-09-21**

Preserving and Revitalizing our Spiritual Cree Language

WHEREAS the Mushkegowuk are the proud Nations of Omushkegowuk/Ininimowin (Cree), the Ininiwuk/People; and

WHEREAS the first language of the Mushkegowuk Nations is Cree, a language that is spiritual, sacred, identifies as a Nation and is God-given; and

WHEREAS unfortunately, many of our community members that are fluent in our Ininimowin language are leaving us and taking our beautiful sacred Ininimowin language with them; and

WHEREAS despite community efforts to preserve and revive our Ininimowin language, the decline continues at a very concerning rate for all of our Mushkegowuk Nations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of this Mamowihitowin Continue to express our serious concern about the steady decline of our First language Ininimowin of the Mushkegowuk Nations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chiefs and delegates of this Mamowihitowin of the Omushkegowuk direct the Office of the Grand Chief to

conduct a special Preserving and Revising our Spiritual Cree Language conference to develop a regional strategy to protect, retain, and revitalizes our beautiful language of the Mushkegowuk Ininimowin.