## MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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Mushkegowuk Council 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly

Resolution No. 2007-09-24

Attawapiskat First Nation

Moved by:

Kashechewan First Nation Evadney Friday, Elder Kashechewan First Nation

Seconded by:

Fort Albany First Nation

Eva Lazarus, Elder Moose Cree First Nation

Moose Cree First Nation

New Post First Nation

Carried

Chapleau Cree First Nation

Certified copy of a resolution

Missanabie Cree passed on September 13, 2007

First Nation

Stan Louttit, Grand Chief

September 13, 2007 Attawapiskat, Ontario

## **Declaration of Unity**

WHEREAS we the Omushkego Inninu, since time immemorial have existed in the coastal and inland areas of James and Hudson Bay as the First Peoples of the region, celebrating a strong heritage based upon a harmonious relationship with the land including strong kinship ties; and

WHEREAS we the Omushkego Inninu are a proud Nation composed of Omushkego citizens united through kinship, language, culture, spirituality, history, traditional governance practices and common harvesting areas; and

WHEREAS we the Omushkego Inninu have adapted to changes impacting our society, kinship structure, language, culture, spirituality and traditional harvesting practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly hereby declares and affirms the unity of the Omushkego Inninu including the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the characteristics which identify us as a unique and proud Omushkego Nation as well as the reinstatement of our inherent right to practice traditional governance within our Omushkego homelands.