

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Assembly
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
June 8, 9, 10, 2009

Resolution No. 2009/05

SUBJECT: Final Report of the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship Commissioner and Draft Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewan

WHEREAS by Resolution 2007/09 the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly directed the Grand Council Chief to secure resources and prepare a draft citizenship law to be used by First Nations to determine their own citizenship; and

WHEREAS Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell of Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve was appointed by the Grand Council Chief as the Anishinabek Nation Citizenship Commissioner; and

WHEREAS Citizenship Commissioner Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell conducted 16 consultation sessions across Anishinabek Nation Territory and received input from Anishinabek citizens on the creation of a draft Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewan and has tabled her findings in a final report; and

WHEREAS a draft Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewan has been prepared and tabled by Legal Counsel of the Union of Ontario Indians; and

WHEREAS the Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance and the Citizenship Commissioner recommend that an implementation plan be developed by the Citizenship Commissioner and that a community awareness initiative be carried out in the member First Nations to garner support for the draft citizenship law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accept the final report of the Citizenship Commission and the draft Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewan as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly accept the recommendations of the Anishinaabe Anokiiwin Aanokiitoojig/Chiefs Committee on Governance and the Citizenship Commissioner; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anishinabek Nation Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to secure resources and to engage the Citizenship Commissioner to implement the First Nation community awareness initiative to garner support for the Anishinabek Nation E-Dbendaagzijig Naaknigewan.

Moved By:	Chief Isadora Bebamash, M'Chigeeng First Nation
Seconded By:	Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Status:	Carried
In Favour:	All
Opposed:	None
Abstentions:	None


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