SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2012, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 64/2012

TITLE:	Support for Missing Children of Canada's Residential Schools
SUBJECT:	Indian Residential Schools
MOVED BY:	Chief Keith Corston, Chapleau Cree First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Alvin Fiddler, Proxy, Wapekeka First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Citizens of First Nations attended more than 134 Indian Residential Schools (IRS) throughout Canada over the last 100 years until the late 1990s.

B. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) terms of reference states in section (e): Identify sources and create as complete an historical record as possible of the IRS system and legacy. Healing and reconciliation includes the need for communities to have knowledge of their families who may have lost children due to death at an IRS.

C. The TRC goal was to facilitate a Missing Children's Project, but it was not resourced to implement the recommendations contained within that project. The project would have required provincial/territorial cooperation as well as church organizations for access to burial sites.

D. There is a projected surplus from the Common Experience Payment (CEP) from the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA), after the personal credits are paid to eligible former IRS students. The surplus would be administered by a Board of Directors under the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund (NIBTF) with a portion transferred to the Inuit Trust Fund (ITF).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the AFN to facilitate a dialogue with directors of the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund (NIBTF) on completing the Missing Children's Project.

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2. Direct the AFN to ensure that the NIBTF engage the parties to the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, including the provincial governments, to repatriate the remains of children who died at an Indian Residential School to their home communities.

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