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

Resolution no. 54/2012

TITLE:	Direct Action on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women
SUBJECT:	Justice, Community Safety
MOVED BY:	Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Alvin Fiddler, Proxy, Wapekeka First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The government of Canada has endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Article 22.2 of the Declaration states: "States shall take measures in conjunction with Indigenous Peoples to ensure that Indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination".

B. Chiefs-in-Assembly have passed resolutions 61-2010, 02-2011 and 01-2012 regarding murdered and missing Indigenous women demanding the federal government to establish Royal Commission that had little to no response from government.

C. Whereas the AFN declared a National Day of Action on Violence Against Women on October 18, 2012 with a campaign directed to the Prime Minister to call a National Public Commission of Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls.

D. The disproportionate number of missing and murdered indigenous women in Canada continues to be a crisis and the number continues to rise.

E. The Missing Women Commission of Inquiry in British Columbia with Commissioner Wally Oppal neglected legal support for the families of victims of Robert Pickton and had groups such as the AFN, Native Women's Association of Canada and families of murdered and missing women withdraw their participation within this particular commission.

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F. A National Aboriginal Women's Summit III in November 2012 did not reach consensus on moving forward with an inquiry. Provincial and Territorial Ministers agreed for the matter to be discussed as part of a meeting of the Council of the Federation Aboriginal Affairs Ministers Working Group in April 2013, along with discussion toward a "national framework of action."

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

1. Demand that Canada establish an independent, public commission of inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada.
2. Direct the National Chief to work with all provinces and territories in advance of the upcoming meeting of Ministers of Aboriginal Affairs to seek their support for a national public commission of inquiry and to work toward a national framework of action on Indigenous murdered and missing women.
3. Direct the AFN to coordinate a political rally on Parliament Hill, police stations, and offices of political representatives (MPs/MPPs/MLAs) with First Nation leadership and families of the victims across Canada if a response is not received by the federal government.
4. Direct the AFN to examine legal strategies, including a Canadian Human Rights Complaint against the Federal, Provincial Governments and policing services, including Royal Canadian Mountain Police and Provincial and municipal police forces.

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