ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 17, 18 & 19, 2012, TORONTO, ON

Resolution no. 27/2012

TITLE:	Target Date for Ending Inequality for First Nations Children and Youth
SUBJECT:	First Nations Child Welfare, Education and Health
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, Mohawks of Akwesasne, ON
SECONDED BY:	Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Splatsin First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Affirming that children and young people are sacred and valued members of First Nations communities and represent the perpetuity of First Nations cultures, languages and ways of life.

B. Recalling that non-discrimination and respect for cultures and languages are shared principle of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

C. Affirming the Prime Minister's commitment to reconciliation in the Apology for Residential Schools and at the Crown-First Nations Gathering in January of 2012.

D. Calling attention to the longstanding inequities in Federal Government funding for First Nations child welfare, education and health services for First Nations children and young people that have persiosted despite the availability of viable solutions and regardless of the financial situation of the Federal Government.

E. Understanding that funding inequities ciontribute to First Nations children being overrepresented in foster care and amongst those with poor educational and health outcomes.

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

1. Call on the Prime Minister of Canada to recognize the seriousness of the state of crisis for First Nations children and set a target date of no later than 2015 to address the inequalities in child welfare, education and health experienced by First Nations children and young people.
2. Call on the Prime Minister to report annually to the public on progress being made to meet the end of inequity target date.
3. Set 2015 as a target date to eradicate the inequality in child welfare, education and health for First Nations children, irrespective of the will of the Government of Canada, and report publically on the government's progress in achieving this target date.

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