TITLE:	Support for Wahgoshig First Nation in Defending its Rights and Traditional Territory
SUBJECT:	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
MOVED BY:	Chief Keeter (Keith) Corston, Chapleau Cree First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Alex Batisse, Matachewan First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Passed by the AFN Executive Committee

WHEREAS:

A. Solid Gold Resources Corp ("Solid Gold") undertook an exploratory drilling program on Wahgoshig's traditional territory without consultation.

B. Solid Gold's failure to consult Wahgoshig threatened and damaged Wahgoshig's Aboriginal and Treaty rights, sacred and cultural heritage sites and burial grounds.

C. Wahgoshig won a court-ordered injunction to stop Solid Gold from drilling and to force Solid Gold and Ontario to consult and accommodate Wahgoshig.

D. Despite the court order, Solid Gold continues to publicly disrespect Wahgoshig, and First Nations generally, in the media.

E. Solid Gold refuses to apologize or attempt to make amends to Wahgoshig for its disrespectful behaviour.

F. Solid Gold is involved with other mining companies whose statements have the effect of devaluing, denigrating and delegitimizing Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

G. Some leading executives of Canadian resource development companies have publicly endorsed the value of working with First Nations and sharing the benefits of resource extraction.

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

1. Support Wahgoshig First Nation in the protection of its traditional territory from the unilateral exploration and development of its lands by mining companies.
2. Call on all governments across Canada to legislate mandatory free, prior, and informed consent provisions for any exploration or resource development projects affecting First Nation territories.
3. Condemn any mining companies that fail to consult and accommodate First Nations and call on all mining companies to acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Treaty rights and to work with First Nations for mutually beneficial and responsible mining exploration and resource development.

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