TITLE:	Call for Support to Increase Wellness through Sport & Physical Activity
SUBJECT:	Sport, Healthy Communities
MOVED BY:	Chief William Montour, Six Nations of the Grand River, ON
SECONDED BY:	Ovide Mercredi, Proxy, Acho Dene Koe First Nation, NT
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

1. Affirming the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

   Article 24: Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right.

   Article 31 (1): Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, as well as the manifestations of their sciences, technologies and cultures, including human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games and visual and performing arts.

2. The IndigenACTION initiative was launched July 2010, in Winnipeg, as a national effort to build on the spirit and energy of the 2010 Olympic Games and to foster the partnerships required to ensure Indigenous peoples in Canada have an opportunity to grow themselves and their communities through community fitness, wellness, sports and recreation.

3. The first phase of IndigenACTION was to determine the landscape of Indigenous sport, fitness, wellness and recreation in Canada through three roundtables. A report was completed with recommendations that highlight the unique issues facing Indigenous peoples and communities, which prevent them from reaching their sport, fitness, wellness and recreation goals.

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4. The AFN acknowledges that sport has always been a significant part of our way of life and recognizes the need to re-establish that strong voice to promote physical, mental, cultural and spiritual wellness in our communities.
5. In recognition of the AFN resolution in 2004 supporting the Aboriginal Sport Circle to function as a collective of Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies and serve as the national voice for Aboriginal sport and recreation

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

1. Direct the AFN to seek resources to support the planning and delivery of a National Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity, Wellness and Recreation Forum to review the recommendations in the IndigenACTION Roundtable Report and explore the development of a strategic plan through the establishment of a Partners Council.

2. Direct the AFN to support the efforts to restructure the Aboriginal Sport Circle to build its organizational capacity and for the Aboriginal Sport Circle to provide a plan to Chiefs-in-Assembly at the December 2012 Special Chiefs Assembly.

3. Direct the AFN to seek resources to support the formalization of an ambassador / commissioner of Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity, Wellness and Recreation whom will be an advocate, facilitator and ensures accountability back to chiefs in assembly.

4. Direct the National Chief to urge the federal government to keep First Nations sport, physical activity, recreation, and wellness a key priority in federal, provincial/territorial policy and political priorities including funding for national, provincial and community based programs.

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