TITLE:	Renewal of eHealth, Accreditation and Nursing Innovation Programs
SUBJECT:	Health, First Nation capacity support
MOVED BY:	Chief R. Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Affirming the following articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP):

Article 21

1. "Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security."

Article 23

"Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development. In particular, Indigenous peoples have the right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programmes affecting them and, as far as possible, to administer such programmes through their own institutions."

Article 24

1. "Indigenous peoples have the right to their traditional medicines and to maintain their health practices, including the conservation of their vital medicinal plants, animals and minerals.

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Indigenous individuals also have the right to access, without any discrimination, to all social and health services."

2. "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 29

3. "States shall also take effective measures to ensure, as needed, that programmes for monitoring, maintaining and restoring the health of indigenous peoples, as developed and implemented by the peoples affected by such materials, are duly implemented."

B. Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) has a number of programs where funding is ending or "sunsetting" in 2013. Specifically, FNIHB's eHealth Infostructure program including Panorama, the First Nations and Inuit Health Services Accreditation Program and the Nursing Innovation funding are at risk.

C. These programs are vital to the development and provision of comprehensive, quality health care to First Nations across the country.

D. The renewal process is an opportunity to review each program, address weaknesses and increase effectiveness.

E. The Government of Canada has a legal and fiduciary responsibility and a role to play in ensuring First Nations are consulted and included in matters where First Nations health, services and programs may be impacted.

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

1. Reaffirm Resolution 04/2012 in mandating the National Chief to make First Nations health a priority.
2. Direct the AFN to advocate for participation in developing the business case for the renewal of FNIHB's eHealth Infostructure program including Panorama, the First Nations and Inuit Health Services Accreditation Program and the Nursing Innovation funding.
3. Mandate the National Chief to call for the renewal of FNIHB's eHealth Infostructure Program including Panorama, the First Nations and Inuit Health Services Accreditation Program and the Nursing Innovation funding.

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