ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 21, 22, & 23, 2009, CALGARY, AB

Resolution no. 28/2009

TITLE:	Support for Organ Donation
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Chief Charles Weaselhead, Blood First Nation, AB
SECONDED BY:	Chief Ruth Massie, Ta'an Kwach'an Council, YK
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. One person in Canada dies every 36 hours waiting for an organ donation.

B. One organ donor can save as many as eight lives.

C. Organ donations are are very much needed by people across Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) and other First Nation Territories across Canada.

D. First Nations People are reluctant to donate organs due, in part, to spiritual and cultural beliefs, as well as a lack of awareness and understanding as information about organ donation is not readily available in many First Nation Territories.

E. Stan and Nellie Beardy made the decision after the untimely death of their 19 year old son Daniel, to give the gift of life to individuals in desparate need of a transplant.

F. Stan and Nellie Beardy have partnered with the Ontario Trillium Gift of Life Network to develop a brochure that is geared toward educating the members of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation and other First Nations so they can make informed decisions about providing life saving organ donations.

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

1. Support the joint project between the Ontario Trillium Gift of Life Network and Stan and Nellie Beardy and support the distribution of the brochure and associated educational materials across the country.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 10th day of September, 2009 in Gatineau, Quebec

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF