TITLE:	First Nation Client Health Registries
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Chief Warren White, Noatkamegwanning First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Eric Fisher, Wabaseemoong First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. Improving the health of First Nations requires an ability to capture all aspects of community health information, including disease surveillance and population health assessment, research and evaluation and knowledge translation.

B. Decision making and health interventions rely on access to community health information.

C. The current availability and access to health information for First Nations depends in part on an infrastructure that is integrated with existing provincial / territorial systems.

D. This component of the plan must consider some of the complex realities associated with First Nations information, specifically: privacy, collection methods, usage and storage and the need for community-level data that is timely and relevant to communities and can be integrated into community health planning activities.

E. Current federal government funding to Canada Health Infoway has supported Provincial and Territorial Client Registries but has excluded benefits to First Nations who wish to control their own membership lists.

F. Three pilot projects have begun on the development of Client Registries in File Hills Qu'Appelle, Kenora Chiefs Advisory and Four Arrow Regional Health Authorities.

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G. Time is of the essence and current provincial and territorial projects will be completed in the coming five years and urgent action by First Nations is required.

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

1. Support the development of First Nations Client Registries in all Regions to ensure that the full benefits of existing health infrastructure initiatives are realized without compromising of the principles of OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession).
2. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to encourage Provinces and Territories to work with their respective Provincial / Territorial Organizations (PTOs) to develop Client Registries.

3. Direct the Assembly of First Nations to urge the Federal Government to increase spending on the development of First Nation Client Registries.

4. Call upon Canada Health Infoway to support the development of First Nation Client Registries.

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