TITLE:	Suicide Intervention and Prevention
SUBJECT:	Health and Social Development
MOVED BY:	Chief Charles Weaslehead, Blood First Nation, AB
SECONDED BY:	Chief Leroy Good Eagle Siksika First Nation, AB
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. Today the suicide rate among Aboriginal people *is three times* higher than the rate for the general Canadian population.

B. At current, the rate of suicide amongst First Nations youth is five to seven times higher than non-Aboriginal youth.

C. The prevention of suicide is a priority of the First Nation leadership.

D. The demographic of First Nation peoples continue to grow, it is expected that suicide and its impact on our communities will grow proportionately.

E. The AFN recognizes the need to have trained and certified people in each of the First Nation communities to combat the problems associated with suicide both on and off reserve lands.

F. By way of a strategic alliance, the Centre for Suicide Prevention and Millbrook Technologies Inc. are jointly prepared to offer a culturally specific online training program to enhance the capacity of individuals and communities to implement suicide intervention, prevention and postvention approaches.

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

1. Mandate the AFN to advocate for increased and accessible training that will enhance the capacity of communities to deal with the problems associated with suicide.

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2. Direct the AFN to advocate for enhancement of the National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy that supports a minimum of two people in each community be provided training to combat the problem of suicide.
3. Direct the AFN to advocate for the participation of non-first nation health care and mental health professionals in obtaining culturally relevant training when dealing and working with First Nation peoples.
4. Support the efforts embodied by the strategic alliance of the Centre for Suicide Prevention and Millbrook Technologies Inc. in the provision of a national culturally-based online training program to enhance the capacity of First Nations to implement suicide intervention, prevention and postvention approaches.

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