ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Resolution no. 09/2009

TITLE:	First Nations Economic Policy Research and Coordination
SUBJECT:	Economic Development
MOVED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Kamloops Indian Band, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Blaine Commandant, Mohawks of Wahta First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Passed provisionally by AFN Executive Committee on September 10, 2009

WHEREAS:

A. Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the continued work and advancement by the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) on the First Nation economic blue print.

B. Chiefs-in-Assembly have requested the CCED to examine possible innovative strategies to support economic development processes.

C. The new federal framework on economic development is becoming closely aligned to pan-Aboriginal processes, a policy not supported by Chiefs-in-Assembly.

D. The CCED has worked with a number of national aboriginal technical organizations and institutions to identify key policy issues pertaining to the Economic Partnerships Portfolio.

E. The CCED proposed an economic research table which, in its first phase, has been launched as an academics table with expertise in economic development.

F. It is necessary to identify next steps to coordinate a process that is established to focus on First Nation economic policy, objectives, options, programs, and special initiatives, in working with federal government, corporations, financial entities and international economic processes.

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

1. Support the AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development's (CCED) work and research efforts with academia.
2. Direct the AFN to establish a technical coordination table composed of economic organizations and institutions, such as specialists with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association, CANDO, Aboriginal Financial

   Officers Association, First Nation Finance Authority, and other organizations deemed appropriate by the CCED to advise on economic program, policy and related matters, subject to the availability of capacity and resources.
3. Support the CCED in examining current economic policy and program delivery mechanisms, and consider renewed objectives, design and mechanisms, such as a commission on economic policy.

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