SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 8, 9 & 10, 2009, OTTAWA, ON

Resolution no. 55/2009

TITLE:	Support for the AFN Social Development Secretariat
SUBJECT:	Health & Social
MOVED BY:	Chief Tony Morgan, Gitanyow Nation, British Columbia
SECONDED BY:	Grand Chief Ed John, Proxy, Tl'azt'en Nation, British Columbia
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The AFN Social Development Secretariat follows the Social Development Policy Framework, which proposes the long-term vision of, "An inclusive, holistic and culturally-based social development system under First Nation control that builds healthy, safe, and sustainable communities."

B. INAC is responsible for five social programs, including: Income Assistance (includes Shelter Allowance); Assisted Living; First Nations Child and Family Services; Family Violence Prevention; and National Child Benefit Reinvestment.

C. The scope and delivery of work of the AFN Social Development Secretariat has been significantly impacted by the delays and cut backs in annual funding from INAC since the filing of the Human Rights Complaint on February 23, 2007.

D. The current federal government has stated that they have and will continue adopting a region-by-region approach in working with First Nations, which diminishes the capacity of a national voice on social development issues, through the AFN, for all First Nations in Canada.

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

1. Support and mandate the AFN to continue its lobbying and advocacy efforts in the area of Social Development to ensure that First Nations needs are addressed.

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2. Support the AFN in its efforts to obtain funding for the AFN Social Development Secretariat.

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