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

Resolution no. 58/2009

TITLE:	Highway of Tears Reward
SUBJECT:	Missing and Murdered Women
MOVED BY:	Chief Shirley Wolfe-Keller, Fishing Lake First Nation, Saskatchewan
SECONDED BY:	Chief Elizabeth Cloud, Chippewas of Kettle & Stoney Point First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Dene Nation Passed Motion #09/010-011 at the Dene Leadership Meeting held in Dettah, Denendeh (NWT) from October 19-23, 2009 to establish a Highway of Tears Reward.

B. That over the past 30 years over 30 women, both documented and undocumented, have been killed or gone missing along the Yellowhead Highway #16 dubbed the Highway of Tears in Northern British Columbia. This 900 km stretch of highway links communities between Prince George and Prince Rupert, many of which are First Nations communities.

C. That all of the women except one are of First Nation descent.

D. The cases of missing and murdered women along Highway #16 are left unsolved and the RCMP provides policing in the area.

E. That this situation puts First Nations women and girls at significant risk for their well being and safety.

F. That many family members and loved ones are left grieving for their sister, aunt, cousin, mother or grandmother who have been murdered or gone missing. This lack of closure creates many problems for family and community members.

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

1. Support the Dene Nation and the Assembly of First Nations NWT Region in their work with the RCMP and their programs such as Crime Stoppers to collect statements and leads toward solving the cases of missing and murdered women along Yellowhead Highway #16.

2. Support the Dene Nation and the Assembly of First Nations NWT Region in the development of a campaign to raise significant funds that will offer a reward to individual (s) who can provide evidence that will lead to solving the case of missing and murdered women along the Highway of Tears.

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