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

Resolution no. 56/2009

TITLE:	Establishment of Independent Health and Wellness Services and Programs
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Chief Wallace Fox, Onion Lake First Nation, Saskatchewan
SECONDED BY:	Chief Wayne Monias, Louis Bull First Nation, Alberta
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Chiefs-in-Assembly have a responsibility to protect, maintain, promote, support, and advocate for our inherent, treaty and constitutional rights, (w)holistic health, and the well-being of our nations.

B. The ultimate goal of health & wellness systems is to implement the right to self-determined governing and business policies and have a "freedom of choice" in establishing the wealth and health of socio-economic; health, social and wellness programs to benefit inherent and treaty peoples.

C. The inherent and treaty children, women, men and elders are experiencing poor health and nutrition that affect their spiritual, emotional, mental and physical well-being.

D. Existing Federal and Provincial Legislation(s), Regulation(s) and Programs provide incompatible policies that do not effectively promote, advance and provide effective health & wellness programs for all Inherent and Treaty peoples.

E. There is recognition for the need to preserve life, promote and advance the health and wellness of all inherent and treaty peoples thereby supporting the establishment of effective health and wellness systems, businesses and programs.

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F. There is recognition to respect and support inherent and treaty peoples' "freedom of right to choose" or establish their health and wellness needs.

G. The establishment of Health & Wellness Systems have to be (w)holistic in nature and service providers have to include effective spiritual, emotional, mental and physical health and wellness programs that work and that are based on the Creator granted Sacred Unwritten Constitution which "spiritually mandates" the tribes unique customary foundation of rights.

H. In the past decade, the Assembly of First Nations has adopted, passed and supported numerous resolutions in similar circumstances directly or indirectly relating to the economic, health and well-being of inherent and treaty peoples.

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

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly support the establishment of "Independent" Health & Wellness Systems and Socio-Economic Development Initiatives designed to address and aid to improve existing health and wellness systems and programs for Inherent and Treaty Peoples for the preservation of life.

2. The Chiefs-in-Assembly support the advancement of the "out of the box" health and wellness systems and programs that will benefit and serve the best interests of Inherent and Treaty peoples as "spiritually mandated" from the Creator's Sacred Unwritten Constitution and foundation of rights for the preservation of life.

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