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

Resolution no. 59/2009

TITLE:	Support for Border Identification Cards
SUBJECT:	Border Crossing Issues
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Ontario
SECONDED BY:	Chief Joseph Gilbert, Wapole Island First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. A few years ago the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) invested 10 Million dollars to develop a new tamper and fraudulent proof status card.

B. The new identification card was submitted to Homeland Security for possible use for border identification.

C. The new identification cards' new features passed the requirements of Homeland Security and as such qualified as border security identification for First Nations in Canada.

D. The Homeland Security policy for respecting the border crossing rights of Native Americans is to allow the First Nation Governments the right to distribute the border security cards to their nation members.

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

1. Demand that the identification cards that are developed by INAC, be divided to serve two purposes:
    a. That the original objective of the card be maintained which is to use it as a tamper proof status card.
    b. That the border security features on the identification card be used separately by the First Nations Governments in Canada and that the First Nations be the ones in authority to distribute the cards to their members according their membership.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 10th day of December, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario

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