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

Resolution no. 45/2009

TITLE:	National Aboriginal Health Organization
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Wendell Metallic, Proxy, Listiguj First Nation, Quebec
SECONDED BY:	Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. That the governance structure of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) has never been supported by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) due to its pan-Aboriginal approach (members are the AFN, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP), Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Métis National Council and the Native Women's Association of Canada).

B. The Chiefs-in-Assembly of the AFN have passed Resolution no. 104 in December 2004 mandating the AFN to not participate in pan-Aboriginal initiatives and that the AFN was to begin working immediately with the Government of Canada to create a First Nations specific approach to address First Nations Issues.

C. The Chiefs-in-Assembly of the AFN have passed Resolution no. 42 in December 2007 declare that CAP is an illegitimate organization that does not represent the interest of any of our First Nations or their citizens.

D. That the AFN has been concerned about NAHO's accountability and transparency to its members and to First Nations communities.

E. That First Nations health information and research needs have evolved beyond NAHO's capacity and that NAHO no longer serves First Nations priorities.

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F. The AFN's Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH) and the AFN Executive have supported the development of a stand alone entity that can host the First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS).

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

1. Mandate the AFN to no longer support or participate in any NAHO activities until such a time when the ongoing governance issues/concerns are sufficiently addressed to respect a distinctions-based approach to meet First Nations health information and research needs.

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