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

Resolution no. 36/2009

TITLE:	Support for International Year of Action
SUBJECT:	International
MOVED BY:	Chief Terrance Nelson, Roseau Anishinabe First Nation, Manitoba
SECONDED BY:	Dan Peguish, Shawanaga First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Government of Canada and Provinces continue to treat First Nations as second-class citizens and strategically dismiss and ignore our Treaty and Inherent Rights.

B. The First Peoples of Turtle Island still continue to face staggering and horrific conditions in Canada, including, but not limited to, lack of access to clean drinking water, lack of access to education, high unemployment rates, and high rates of chronic disease.

C. While Canada currently ranks fourth in the world according to the United Nations' Human Development Report, First Nation Peoples are ranked at 63 as measured by the Human Development Index.

D. There continues to be an urgent need to raise awareness, both in Canada and internationally, on the critical issues facing First Nations.

E. In December 2006, the Assembly of First Nations endorsed June 29th, 2007, as a National Day of Action, and this was followed by another National Day of Action on May 29th, 2008, and a National Day of Reconciliation on June 11, 2009.

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

1. Declare 2010 the "International Year of Action" for First Nation Peoples in pursuit of Treaty and Inherent Rights and Self-Determination.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 9th day of December, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario

SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO, NATIONAL CHIEF