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

Resolution no. 57/2009

TITLE:	**Support to Develop and Implement the National Comprehensive Injury Prevention Strategy**
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Wendall Nicholas, Proxy, Tobique First Nation, New Bruinswick
SECONDED BY:	Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Proxy, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Ontario
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Injuries are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality among First Nation populations between the ages of 1 and 44, with the disability rate amongst First Nations being at 31%, which is twice the national Canadian average.

B. Several population health data sources support our assertion that injuries, both intentional and unintentional, represent one of the most significant threats to the future health and wellbeing of our First Nations.

C. All regions require access to their own statistical information in order to support evidence-based solutions and strategies.

D. Injuries, especially those that result in disabilities, affect an individual's and community's health and wellbeing.

E. Insufficient and intermittent funding for injury prevention have created initiative but resulted in limited capacity to carry out efficient, effective, and sustainable solutions.

F. The comprehensive strategy will be scoped out by the First Nations Regional Injury Prevention (FNRIP) working group. This work requires resources to be allocated at the community, regional and national level.

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

1. Support a call to all governments for additional resources directly to First Nations to support the development and implementation of a national First Nations injury strategy, including a workplan, business case, handbook, press kit and communications plan.

2. Direct the National Chief to write a letter calling on the Minister of Health to support a national comprehensive First Nations Injury Prevention strategy.

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