ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 15, 16, & 17, 2008, Quebec City, QC

Resolution no. 30/2008

SUBJECT:	Support for the Public Sector Aboriginal Business Association - PSABA
MOVED BY:	Chief Marianna Couchie, Nipissing First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Doug Kelly, Proxy, Shwx'ow'hamel First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by consensus.

WHEREAS:

A. The role of the Public Sector Aboriginal Business Association, also known as PSABA, is to increase awareness of government procurement strategies and developing new business opportunities for Aboriginal companies within the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments;

B. First Nation business owners are faced with increasing challenges in their quest for profitability;

C. The public sector in Canada is a large market sector, but new procurement initiatives and policies, particularly in the Federal Government, make it difficult for small First Nation companies to compete and succeed in this market;

D. It is incumbent upon all stakeholders that First Nation businesses be involved in the market share of opportunities offered by the public sector;

E. The Canadian public sector needs to be educated about the significance of the economic opportunities for the prosperity of First Nation businesses across Canada;

F. The Canadian public sector needs to be informed of First Nation culture and philosophies and relating to First Nation business practices and informed about some of the obstacles faced by First Nation businesses on and off-reserve;

G. PSABA can provide a forum for First Nation businesses and the public sector to meet and develop partnerships; and

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H. The recent National Day of Action, Making Poverty History and Corporate Challenge campaigns have assisted in increasing public attention and scrutiny of the socio-economic inequalities faced by First Nations people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Chiefs-in-Assembly support the Public Sector Aboriginal Business Association in its endeavor to create more awareness of opportunities for First Nation businesses.
2. The Chiefs-in-Assembly encourage the development of a relationship including clear accountability to First Nations across Canada through regular reporting to the Chiefs in Assembly of activities of the Public Sector Aboriginal Business Association.

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