SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2010, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 82/2010

TITLE:	Renewal of Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (ASEP)
SUBJECT:	Economic Development
MOVED BY:	Chief Jimmy Constant, Kipawa Eagle Village First Nation, Québec
SECONDED BY:	Chief Mike Mitchell, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Ontario
DECISION:	Resolution was referred to AFN executive by Chiefs-in-Assembly on December 16, 2010. Passed by the AFN Executive at a duly convened meeting on January 20, 2011

WHEREAS:

A. Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnerships (ASEP) is a program created by the Federal Government to increase Aboriginal participation in the Canadian workforce.

B. The overall objective of the ASEP is to provide sustainable employment for Aboriginal people in major economic industries, leading to lasting benefits for Aboriginal communities, families, and individuals.

C. ASEP helped train approximately 18,000 Aboriginal people and created 6,000 long-term, sustainable jobs.

D. The ASEP helps improving the creation of employment for First Nation communities.

E. There is a need for this type of program to support First Nation communities, many of which suffer from shortage of employment.

F. The program ends in March 2012 and a decision on its renewal will be taken in the coming weeks.

G. A renewal will allow the creation of partnerships and the development of economy for First Nations as well as benefitting the Canadian economy as a whole.

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

1. Urge the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, the Honourable Diane Finley, to renew the ASEP program for another 5 years.

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