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

Resolution no. 72/2010

TITLE:	Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council (AFN NYC) Supports the United Nations International Year of the Youth
SUBJECT:	Youth
MOVED BY:	Chief Isadore Day, Serpent River First Nation, Ontario
SECONDED BY:	Chief Peter Johnston, Teslin Tlingit Council, Yukon
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. On December 2009, the United Nations (UN) passed a resolution to declare 2010-2011 as the International Year of the Youth, ending August 12, 2011.

B. By declaring the International Year of the Youth, the UN General Assembly called upon all governments, civil society, communities and individuals to support the activities and the engagement of youth at the local, regional, national and international levels.

C. The International Year of the Youth is about enhancing youth participation in all aspects of society. All sectors of society are encouraged to work in partnership with youth and youth organizations to better understand their needs and concerns and to recognize the contributions they make to society.

D. The Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council (AFN NYC) is duly mandated by the Chiefs-in-Assembly to advocate for First Nations youth and to ensure that the voices of our youth are heard by a national delegation of their leadership.

E. The AFN NYC is seeking the continued support and commitment of the Chiefs-in-Assembly to promote, encourage and celebrate the contributions of our youth at the local, regional, national and international level.

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

1. Acknowledge and celebrate the achievements, accomplishments and contributions of our First Nations youth at the local, regional, national and international level during this International Year of the Youth.

2. Recognize and reaffirm the importance of youth engagement and participation in all sectors of First Nations governments and organizations.

3. Support the activities of our First Nations youth and commit to work diligently to engage our youth and encourage their participation across all our individual territories and regions.

4. Promote the activities, goals and aspirations of our youth at the local, regional, national and international levels.

5. Create more opportunities for mentorship within our communities and within the local, regional and national organizations.

6. Call upon all organizations, corporations and governments to create greater opportunities for First Nations youth in this International Year of the Youth and beyond.

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