ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 12, 13 & 14, 2011, MONCTON, NB

Resolution no. 08/2011

TITLE:	Increases to Sports Funding for First Nation Communities
SUBJECT:	Sports
MOVED BY:	Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus – 1 abstention

WHEREAS:

A. Article 3 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) states: "Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development."

B. The Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages plays a vital role in the cultural, civic, and economic life of Canadians by working to promote sport initiatiaves along with culture, the arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, Aboriginal and youth initiatives

C. This Department reported spending on Sport in 2009-2010 was $237.7 million and that through the Sport Participation Development Initiative which includes a component directly targeting Aboriginal communities, it increased opportunities for sport participation among all Canadians.

D. Participation in sports contributes to the well being and health benefits of First Nation communities and lack of funding prevents many members of First Nation communities from participating in sports and being directly involved in their own well-being and health benefits derived from sports.

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

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate that the Sport Participation Development Initiative Fund is accessible and equitable to all First Nations communities.

2. Direct the AFN to include the Sport Participation Development Initiative Funding as part of their mandate to move forward to develop a New Fiscal Relationship between First Nations and Canada.

3. Direct the AFN to seek increases to the Federal funding available for sports to First Nation communities.

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