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

Resolution no. 09/2011

TITLE:	Support for Further Work, Education & Awareness of Canadian Blood Services' OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network in Partnership with the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Proxy, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Clifford Atleo Sr., Proxy, Ehattesaht First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus – 1 abstention

WHEREAS:

A. Article 24 (2) of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) states: "Indigenous individuals have an equal right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. States shall take the necessary steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of this right."

B. Article 29 (3) of the UNDRIP states: "States shall also take effective measures to ensure, as needed, that programmes for monitoring, maintaining and restoring the health of indigenous peoples, as developed and implemented by the peoples affected by such materials, are duly implemented."

C. OneMatch is currently supporting 13 Aboriginal patients in need of a stem cell transplant. Although OneMatch currently has over 280,000 Canadians willing to donate their stem cells to any patient in need, Aboriginal peoples are under represented on the OneMatch Network and make up only 0.9 percent of the Network. As a patient's best chance of finding a match are within their own ethnic group, more Aboriginal people are desperately needed to join OneMatch.

D. Canadian Blood Services' OneMatch Stem Cell & Marrow Network (OneMatch), in partnership with the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (ANAC) and its members in the field, seek to embark on stem cell awareness and recruitment initiatives throughout the Aboriginal communities in Canada.

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E. The ANAC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OneMatch to promote awareness amongst Aboriginal People of the need to support the OneMatch Network in order to increase support for Aboriginal patients and provide them with the increased opportunity to access matched stem cell donors.

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

1. Support the work of the Canadian Blood Services' OneMatch Stem Cell & Marrow Network (OneMatch) and the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (ANAC), and understand that:

    a. ANAC members, with the support of OneMatch, will ensure that all potential OneMatch registrants are fully informed of what it means to be a potential stem cell donor if they are found to be a match to a patient in need.

    b. OneMatch will respect the traditions and beliefs of all Aboriginal peoples while carrying out the mission and mandate of OneMatch in compliance with applicable legislation and industry standards.

2. Encourage all First Nations who want to pass similar resolutions to generate awareness of the need for Stem Cell and Marrow donors and to support OneMatch's recruitment of First Nation peoples in order to better support First Nation patients in need.

3. Mandate the Assembly of First Nations to promote awareness of the Canadian Blood Services' OneMatch Stem Cell & Marrow Network (OneMatch).

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