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

Resolution no. 30/2011

TITLE:	First Nations Economic Development Data
SUBJECT:	Economic Policy and Practices
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Proxy, Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) have worked to improve economic options available to First Nations.

B. AFN CCED has discussed the need to improve economic data available to support First Nations planning efforts and data reliability.

C. There is a need for consideration toward underpinnings of an economic data consistency concept.

D. Improved work relationships with the research and statistical community are required to plan and promote a concept for economic, trade, and employment information.

E. Strengthened economic data may assist activity such as that led by the AFN Academic Table which provides advice on economic research and making an impact on reducing First Nations poverty.

F. The Federal government needs to consider an improved approach to engage First Nation input in elements of their Federal Framework on Aboriginal Economic Development including in planning for, and safeguarding, First Nation economic data.

G. Improved timely data and access to reliable information is needed to support a range of economic planning and community development requirements including First Nation economic growth, trade, procurement activity, labour force gaps and development, regional economic projections, and economic infrastructure changes such as with connectivity, and other data.

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

1. Support the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Economic Development (CCED) in its continued efforts to advocate for improved First Nation economic data.
2. Support the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP), including its references to indigenous peoples having the right to "maintain contacts, relations and cooperation, including activities for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes, with their own members as well as other peoples across borders" (Article 36).
3. Seek funding toward this concept via a proposal and work plan to initiate activities.
4. Direct the AFN CCED to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly in July 2012.

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