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

Resolution no. 38/2011

TITLE:	Support for Missingkids.ca: Canada's National Missing Children Resource Centre
SUBJECT:	Child Protection / Community Safety
MOVED BY:	Chief Shining Turtle, Whitefish River First Nation, ON
SECONDED BY:	Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation, ON
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. An alarming number of First Nation children have tragically gone missing on and off reserve.

B. First Nations have been calling on governments to provide resources and support to families to continue their efforts in searching for those loved ones who have gone missing and to fund preventive measures for communities and urban areas to protect children.

C. First Nations have partnered with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection to improve services and develop key preventive and support services and strategies.

D. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection is dedicated to the personal safety of all children and to reducing child victimization by providing programs and services to Canadians through public awareness activities and personal safety education programs.

E. Missingkids.ca, launched in May of 2011, provides families additional resources to help find their missing children and services in a central place so that families can register their missing child to request support from a trained caseworker and critical educational information to help prevent children from going missing.

F. MissingKids.ca works in partnership with Canada's law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders in the search for missing children and provides online tools such as a downloadable community

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response plan with step-by-step guide to assist in the coordination of search efforts for communities in the event that a child should go missing.

G. MissingKids.ca will provide a national voice on missing children issues and a coordinated approach in the search for missing children and will capitalize on new technology and coordinate prompt, efficient dissemination of public alerts.

H. In partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, First Nations leadership and community members, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection established an Aboriginal and First Nations Advisory Council to ensure that Aboriginal and First Nations perspectives and needs are reflected in the public education and awareness strategies and in the delivery of services.

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

1. Fully support MissingKids.ca and the many public education activities and personal safety education programs developed by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection.
2. Commit to working with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection to ensure that their respective citizens and communities are made aware of these key initiatives in the protection of children and that the information and tools are made available to them.
3. Direct the National Chief and Assembly of First Nations to assist in creating awareness of and disseminating tools and resources provided through MissingKids.ca.

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