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CHIEFS OF ONTARIO

**Special Chiefs Assembly
February 7, 2008
Fort William First Nation Traditional Territory**

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IPPERWASH INQUIRY FINAL REPORT- IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS the Ipperwash Inquiry was separated into two parts: Part one dealing with the facts leading to the death of Dudley George; and, Part two dealing with how to prevent violence in similar circumstances;

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) was granted party status in both Parts one and two of the Inquiry and filed final submissions, in both Parts;

WHEREAS the Ipperwash Inquiry Final Report was released on May 31, 2007;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs has established an Ipperwash Response Team to oversee and coordinate the government of Ontario's response;

WHEREAS by Motion on October 9, 2007, the Political Confederacy approved the development and submission of a proposal to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to review and analyze the recommendations prior to the

MOVED BY:

Chief Tom Bressette
Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point

SECONDED BY:

Chief Gary Allen,
Nicickkousemenecaning First Nation

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adopted on February 7, 2008.

Angus Toulouse,
Ontario Regional Chief

development of an implementation plan;

WHEREAS COO hosted a Policy Forum on Ipperwash on December 4, 2007 with the ultimate goal of identifying areas of further research and seeking input into the development an implementation plan for the Final Report recommendations;

WHEREAS a process for collaboration is required between First Nations and the Government of Ontario to ensure that First Nations can participate as equal partners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED that we, the Chiefs-in-Assembly, direct the COO office to continue to follow through on its Part one and two submissions to ensure that First Nation interests are protected during the implementation stage of the recommendations from the Ipperwash Inquiry Final Report;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we endorse the Political Confederacy Motion on October 9, 2007 formalizing a First Nations Ipperwash Inquiry Task Force (Task Force) which is reflective of the Chiefs of Ontario, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Independent First Nations, and which has a mandate to ensure that the following work is coordinated:

- Conducting research and analysis of the recommendations contained the Ipperwash Inquiry's Final Report within each respective organization;

- Developing a discussion paper on the recommendations, as well as a broad framework outlining a proposed strategy and process for dealing with the Government of Ontario for presentation to the leadership at regional discussion sessions facilitated by the Task Force; and,
- Facilitating regional presentations and discussions to engage First Nations leadership on the recommendations, as well as receiving the views and perspectives of the First Nations on the development and proposed content of the proposed strategy;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we direct COO to participate in developing a process for collaboration with the Government of Ontario through the Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action Committee;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we reject the Government of Ontario's pan-aboriginal approach with regard to the composition of the Priorities and Action Committee;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we endorse the Political Confederacy Motion on December 11, 2007, that the Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action Committee be co-chaired by the Ontario Regional Chief and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and be comprised of members of the Political Confederacy and relevant Provincial Cabinet Ministers as deemed necessary, supported technically by

the First Nations Ipperwash Task Force;

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED we direct COO to seek financial resources to ensure First Nations interests are protected throughout all aspects of the implementation of the Final Report recommendations and to facilitate the activities of the First Nations Ipperwash Inquiry Task Force;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Political Confederacy and the First Nations Ipperwash Task Force shall report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly on the Implementation Plan, and the mandate and the structure of the Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action Committee at the next available opportunity;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the implementation of the Ipperwash Inquiry recommendations shall be without prejudice to existing initiatives or processes underway or contemplated by First Nations or First Nation organizations with Crown governments or other parties.