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**BCAFN 6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2009 NORTH VANCOUVER, BC**

Resolution 9(i)/2009

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HIGHWAY 16 – HIGHWAY OF TEARS TASK GROUP

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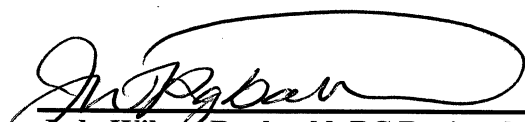
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DECISION: Carried by consensus as part of omnibus Resolution 9/2009

WHEREAS:

- A. British Columbia has 137 missing and murdered Indigenous women, more than any other province in Canada;
- B. Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples provides that:
 - a. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of this Declaration; and
 - b. States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination;
- C. The violence against Indigenous women along Highway 16 continues unfettered;
- D. The Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) employs Mavis Erickson as the Highway 16 Coordinator; and
- E. The Attorney General of British Columbia currently provides funding for this position.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BC Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in Assembly support the Carrier Sekani Family Services in the creation of an Indigenous women's Chiefs Task Group to pursue a full public inquiry into the disappearance and murder of Indigenous women along Highway 16, the Highway of Tears; and
2. The BC Assembly of First Nations Chiefs in Assembly request that the BC Ministry of the Attorney General continue providing ongoing and vital funding for the Carrier Sekani Family Services Highway 16 initiative and coordinator.

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