



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

## SIoux LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-13

### DIRECT HEALTH FUNDING TO COMMUNITIES

**WHEREAS**, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution #15-23 Call for the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency directing SLFNHA to advocate for a Declaration to be called and for a process to address the health issues listed in Resolution #15-23; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2016, Sioux Lookout Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH), in partnership with Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), issued the Declaration for a Health and Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Declaration, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) announced the Ontario First Nations Health Action Plan in the amount of \$222 Million. In addition, other funding announcements have been made (Truth and Reconciliation Funding, Jordan's Principle Funding, and Federal Mental Wellness Funding); and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Declaration, a political process involving First Nations leadership and the Provincial and Federal Health Ministers was developed. To support this political process a trilateral steering committee entitled the Joint Action Table was developed and is implementing many of the new funding initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly are concerned immediate results are not yet being seen at the community level and are further concerned that future funding will not sufficiently flow directly to communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly are concerned that multiple layers of bureaucracy results in less funding being received by the community; and

**WHEREAS**, governments have historically flowed funding through agencies and service providers rather than flowing it directly to communities;

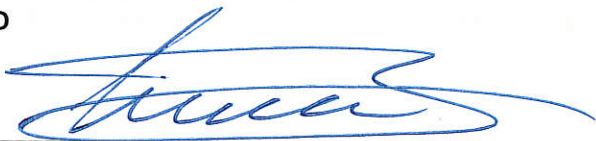
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA and NAN to work with governments to develop funding mechanisms that will ensure that new and existing funding flow directly to the communities.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by:   
Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

Seconded by:   
Chief Bart Meekis, Sandy Lake First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair:   
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair