



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #15-21

SUPPORT FOR THE INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ROMEO WESLEY

WHEREAS, First Nations communities have a Treaty Right to health; and

WHEREAS, Romeo Wesley died in police custody in the Cat Lake Nursing Station on September 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a coroner's inquest is mandatory and is slated for February 1-19, 2016 in Sioux Lookout, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the community feels it is important for the majority, if not all, of the inquest to occur in the community to bring closure to the community and family; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) are not represented in the inquest, and they have a primary role in the health services provided in the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly support the need for the inquest into Romeo Wesley's death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) to advocate for Health Canada and AANDC's representation and involvement in the coroner's inquest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to submit a proposal to the Ministry of the Attorney General to request funding for full-time counselling support for family and community members leading up to, during, and after the inquest.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to assist the communities in advocating for the inquest to be hosted in the community.

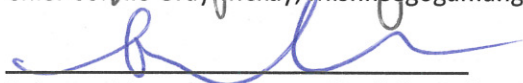
Dated this 17th day of September 2015 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by:



Chief Connie Gray-McKay, Mishkeegogamang First Nation

Seconded by:



Solomon Mamakwa, proxy, Kingfisher Lake First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:



Wally McKay, Meeting Chair