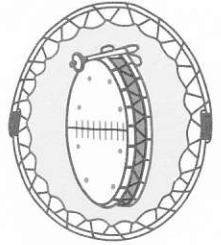




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## **GRAND COUNCIL OF THE CREE (EYYOU ISTCHEE)/ CREE REGIONAL AUTHORITY**

### **Annual General Assembly**

#### **Resolution 2012-10**

#### **SUBJECT: Preventing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**

**WHEREAS** the members of the 2012 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority have met in Waskaganish, on these 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> days of August, 2012;

**WHEREAS** children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

**WHEREAS** fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) are the leading cause of mental retardation in western civilization, including the Cree Nation; and

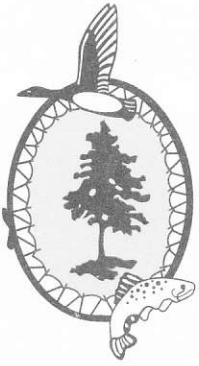
**WHEREAS** FASD is a preventable disability and has an impact on individuals, families, communities and the nation in general; and

**WHEREAS** FASD are a major cause of many social disorders including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, mental illness, and crime;

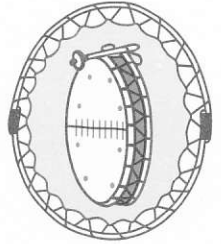
**WHEREAS** the incidence rate of alcohol spectrum disorders is high (estimated at 10 out of every 1000 live births);

**WHEREAS** the economic cost of fetal alcohol syndrome alone to the Nation is high and that each individual with fetal alcohol syndrome will cost between an estimated \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000 in his or her lifetime;

**IT IS RESOLVED**



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**THAT** the members of the 2012 Annual General Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority recommends to all the Cree entities of Eeyou Istchee to make the prevention of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders a priority; to work in collaboration with one another to reduce the prevalence of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; to provide services with regards to, the awareness of the effects of prenatal exposure to alcohol, the increase compassion for individuals affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol, minimize further effects and ensure healthier communities; and finally report at the next Assembly of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Regional Authority to show the actions taken to decrease the prevalence of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

**Proposed by:** Chief Gordon Blackned

**Seconded by:** William Mianscum

**Carried:** August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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John Paul Murdoch, Corporate Secretary