



RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

THE UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING	RESOLUTION NO. 538
PLACE: M'Chigeeng First Nation	FILE REFERENCE:
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TITLE: *Mnidoo Mnisising Anishinabemowin Immersion Kinoo Mauge Gamig*

Whereas, the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnisising (UCCMM), have developed and signed a language declaration;

Whereas, by 2030 the Ojibwe language in the Mnidoo Mnisising territory will be revitalized and in common use in our First Nations homes and communities;

Whereas, the UCCMM First Nations have jurisdiction over our Ojibwe language which is recognized and affirmed consistent with Section 35 of the Constitution Act;

Whereas, the Maamwi Naadamaadaa 5 year strategic Action Plan for the Mnidoo Mnisising Territory of UCCMM contains the following intent as it pertains to Language and Culture:

- Increase the number of Ojibwe speakers in the UCCMM territory who speak their language by increasing the opportunities to learn their language;
- Improve the proficiency levels of our Ojibwe First Nations citizens in speaking, listening to, reading and writing First Nations languages;
- Increase the rate of which First Nations languages can be enhanced, revitalized and developed so that they can be used in the full range of modern activities; and

Whereas, currently the UCCMM territory does not have any full immersion opportunities for Children 0-9;

Whereas, the community survey analysis and final report has been completed by Dr. Brock Pitawanakwat and presented on February 25, 2013. The KTEI MMAK 2012 survey results indicated very high levels of support for Anishinaabemowin initiatives in the Mnidoo Mnisising communities;

Whereas, the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnisising provide their full support to Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute to develop and implement an immersion program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The UCCMM hereby declare that Anishinaabemowin, shall herein and forever, be the official language of our communities.
2. KTEI will work jointly with willing partners to design an immersion approach to fight for the preservation of Ojibwe in our Territory.
3. It is understood that this initiative is in response to the official language policy declaration and cultural strategic plan of the UCCMM.
4. Offer immediate Ojibwe Immersion Language learning opportunities to children in the primary division for families who choose an immersion education commencing 2013.

A quorum of the
United Chiefs and Councils of
Manitoulin consists of: 4

The duly elected
Chief or the delegated
representative may sign resolutions on
behalf of their respective band.

CHIEF – AUNDECK OMNI KANING


CHIEF M'CHIGEENG

CHIEF – SHEGUiANDAH


CHIEF – SHESHegWANING

CHIEF - WHITEFISH RIVER

CHIEF – ZHIIBAahaASING