

**CHIEFS OF ONTARIO Resolution 98/16**

24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALL ONTARIO CHIEFS' CONFERENCE  
West Bay First Nation, Ontario, June 2-4, 1998

ABORIGINAL INSTITUTES' CONSORTIUM  
ABORIGINAL POST-SECONDARY  
EDUCATION RECOGNITION

RESOLUTION 98/16

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments do not indicate any political will to recognize Ontario Aboriginal post-secondary institutions as a post-secondary education and training entity capable of responding to the needs of Aboriginal students; and,

MOVED BY:  
Chief Wellington  
Staats  
Six Nations of the  
Grand River Territory

WHEREAS existing federal and provincial funding is inadequate to meet the needs of Aboriginal post-secondary institutions; and,

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Institutes' Consortium has conducted studies to advance accreditation and recognition, and to justify financial allocations to support Aboriginal post-secondary institutions; and,

SECONDED BY:  
Chief Robert  
Whiteduck  
Algonquins of Golden  
Lake First Nation

WHEREAS the Chiefs in Assembly have long recognized Aboriginal controlled post-secondary institutions as a foundation for exercising the inherent right of self-government; and,

WHEREAS the member Institutes of the Consortium are mandated and recognized by their Aboriginal communities and organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the creation of a forum for federal/provincial dialogue to ensure the existence of freestanding, fully funded, recognized and accredited Aboriginal post-secondary institutions in Ontario; and

CONSENSUS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Aboriginal Institutes' Consortium to facilitate an Ontario-wide process toward federal/provincial recognition of Aboriginal controlled post-secondary institutions.

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resolution adopted on  
June 4, 1998