



RESOLUTION: 09/06
225,000 SQUARE KILOMETRES OF PROTECTED AREA

WHEREAS on July 14, 2008 Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty announced Ontario's goal of protecting 225,000 square kilometers of boreal forest in Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) First Nations' homelands;

WHEREAS this announcement was made without consulting NAN First Nations, and without the support of NAN First Nations;

WHEREAS NAN First Nations will determine what homelands will be protected, and how that protection will be implemented;

WHEREAS NAN First Nations will determine what homelands will be developed, and how that development will be implemented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NAN First Nations do not support the 225,000 square kilometers of the protected area as announced by the Premier, but will work with Ontario to discuss, develop and implement First Nation-led land planning and governance decisions.

DATED AT TIMMINS, ONTARIO THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.

MOVED BY: Chief Adam Fiddler, Sandy Lake First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief James Mamakwa, Kingfisher Lake First Nation

CARRIED

Grand Chief Stan Beardy

Deputy Grand Chief