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FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC LIBRARIES STRATEGIC PLAN

**RESOLUTION 04/20
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WHEREAS we, the Ontario Chiefs in Assembly, support the concept of continuing education at the community level;

WHEREAS we continue to support increased accessibility to all educational outlets, including public libraries;

WHEREAS we recognize the challenges to secure adequate resources to establish public library facilities in all Ontario First Nation communities;

WHEREAS there are only 51 First Nations public libraries;

WHEREAS it has become a necessity to develop a strategic plan, which would assist Ontario First Nations in understanding the steps necessary to establish a public library within their respective communities;

WHEREAS the First Nations Public Libraries Strategic Plan Liaison Committee, in conjunction with First Nations librarians, has developed a strategic plan, entitled "Our Way Forward";

MOVED BY:

Chief James Marsden,
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Chief Sharon Stinson-Henry,
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Certified Copy of a Resolution adopted on
June 16, 2004.

Charles D. Fox, Ontario Regional Chief

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Ontario Chiefs in Assembly, recognize the efforts put forward by the Ontario Library Service – Northern and Southern Ontario Library Service, and the First Nations Librarians to develop this draft strategic plan;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that we, accept the document in principle, for First Nations to utilize in their own fashion to establish public library services within their respective communities.