

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE ONTARIO NATIVE EDUCATION COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION**

The Ontario Native Education Counselling Association (the 'Association') is founded upon principles that recognize that, although a variety of counselling and educational tools and programs exist in Ontario, the development of Native communities requires tools and programs designed specifically for improving Native counselling and education services.

The Association is committed to, and actively participates in, the development and delivery of effective counselling and educational support services for Native students to promote business and economic development, employment, education, health services, social services and self-government within the Native community. The Association's efforts in developing and delivering effective counselling and education support services are in support of the healing and well being of the individuals who make up the communities the Association serves.

1. The purposes of the Association shall be:
  - a. To promote Native People to aspire to meet their potential, through the on-going development and improvement of Native counselling and education services;
  - b. To provide a forum for discussion of problems relating to Native student counselling and Native education, in general;
  - c. To advance and promote Native student counselling services as a profession by encouraging high standards;
  - d. To promote professional development for individuals engaged in Native student counselling;
  - e. To liaise with international, national, regional and local counselling and educational institutions and/or associations;
  - f. To act as a resource distribution center for program material pertinent to counselling Native students and to Native education, in general;
  - g. To promote the immediate and long range goals and concerns of those involved in Native counselling services and Native educational programs.
  
2. The Association and its members, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and staff shall be respectful, kind and honest in all their undertakings on behalf of the Association.

3. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the registered members at the Annual Meeting, or a special meeting of members, present and voting, provided a proposed amendment is submitted to the Secretary of the Association's Board of Directors three days before any such meeting of members and provided that notice of the amendment to the Constitution is given to the members prior to the meeting in accordance with the notice provisions of the Association's by-laws.