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## **Resolution 2024-16: Support Resolution for Sioux Lookout for the Northern Allowance Reinstatement**

### Background:

WHEREAS the federal government provides financial assistance to those Canadians living in one of two "Zones," namely, "the Northern Zone" and "the Intermediate Zone" via taxation credits and allowances; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and surrounding areas used to be part of the "Intermediate Zone," but this classification was removed a couple of decades ago, and residents in our community and immediate area no longer qualify for the deductions and allowances; and

WHEREAS the cost-of-living in northern, rural communities continues to rise at a significant rate, which, in the last year, has also been compounded by the high rate of inflation, thereby making the cost of living, and working in our community even more burdensome.

### Recommendation:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association petition the federal government to designate the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and surrounding areas as a Prescribed Intermediate Zone.

Moved By: Lisa Teeple, Councillor of Emo

Seconded By: Alex Crane, Councillor of O'Connor

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