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Resolution of the V General Assembly of Kaszëbskô Jednota

It's been three years since the founding of Kaszëbskô Jednota association, whose main objectives are the development of national, civic and cultural awareness of Kashubs and protection of our language and traditions. This was the stage in which we organized the work within our association, as well as time to engage in many projects that were aimed at maintaining our kashubness and development of national self-awareness among Kashubs.

We see that what we do bears fruit and we will continue to actively shape our cultural heritage. We remain against assimilation, because we don't wish to be stripped off of having the right to be Kashubian nationals in a democratic state. On the contrary, we would like to achieve the full rights enjoyed by members of other nationalities. Therefore, we continue to demand placing Kashubs as an ethnic minority onto the list of nations protected by the power of Polish Act regarding the rights of National and Ethnic Minorities from 2005. We also want people, declaring Kashubian nationality, to have a representative in the Joint Commission of Government and National and Ethnic Minorities.

In Kashubia and throughout the rest of Poland Kaszëbskô Jednota reaffirms willingness to cooperate with a non-governmental organizations, political parties, as well as local governments of all three levels and the Government of the Republic of Poland in shaping policies concerning Kashubian culture (including language). We must learn from experiences of the international organizations, the European Parliament and of the Council of Europe, to make the most for the good of Kashubs.

The variety of discourse touching the subject of Kashubian identity, increasingly visible since Kaszëbskô Jednota started to work, gives progress and change in the Kashubs' perception of their own distinctive ethnic and cultural identity. We are pleased with the empowerment of Kashubs as a nation, and the fact that more and more people understand that we all are a community based on our consciousness and our will. We Kashubs – we the people.

Chairman of the Assembly Karol Rhode Notetaker Mateusz Schmidt