



RESOLUTION NO: 2018-98

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising full powers of self-government including a comprehensive judicial services program; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court operates Gwaiak Miicon Healing to Wellness Court (also known as Drug Court), and is re-establishing a Family Healing to Wellness Court; and

WHEREAS, tribal Healing to Wellness Courts shift the traditional criminal justice model from adversarial and case-based to healing, collaborative, and person-based; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide, serving as the cornerstone of justice reform; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts bring together alcohol and drug treatment, community resources, and tribal courts by using a team approach which supports the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual healing of the individual participant, enhances the well-being of the community, strengthens tribal nations, and promotes a healthier next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability of the participants, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of babies who are born drug-free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

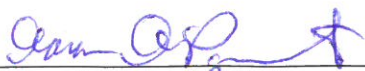
WHEREAS, they save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested and up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve; and


WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians declares that Drug Court Month is hereby established during the month of May 2018.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 1 day of May 2018; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 12 members for, 0 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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