BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
September 1, 2026
5:00 P.M.

I.	CALL TO ORDER	
II.	ROLL CALL	
III.	INVOCATION:	Prayer, Smudging
IV.	MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION	
V.	MINUTES:	8/18/26
VI.	RESOLUTIONS:	Hessel Community Center FY26&27 Budget Mods SSM Dental FY26 Budget Mod Health Division – Yes-Rx FY 2026 Funds Temp Assistance for Needy Families Exploration MDNR Memorandum of Agreement GCTW Memorandum of Understanding Waiving 90.402 Liability Limitation for LIHTC Acceptance of the 2025 Governmental Audit Reallocation of Funds ARPA Interagency Projects Statement of Ownership 105(l) Program Hartford Life and Disability Benefits FY 2026 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Trust Land Status for Strawberry Fields Purchase EPIRBs for Commercial Fishers Accepting Health CEO Resignation Interim Appointment – Health CEO Authorizing Hire of Legal Consultant Improving Safety on HWY US-2 Near St. Ignace Rescinding Resolution 2026-145 Authorize Sale of Sibley Property Uphold Members Right to Vote and Enforce Board Accountability
VII.	NEW BUSINESS	Commercial License Transfer Committee Appointments JKL Fiduciary Appointment of Vice Chairperson Board Concerns
VIII.	ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	
IX.	RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM	
X.	ADJOURN	

RESOLUTION NO: ____________

BUILDINGS – HESSEL COMMUNITY CENTER
FY 2026 AND FY 2027 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Buildings – Hessel Community Center for an increase in Other Revenue of $43,109.93 and a decrease in the use of Fund Balance of $46,666.68. This budget is funded by Fund Balance and Other Revenue from the Health Division, Education, and Tribal Operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2027 budget modification to Buildings – Hessel Community Center for an increase in Other Revenue of $66,595.53. This budget is funded by Fund Balance and Other Revenue from the Health Division, Education, and Tribal Operations.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, the undersigned, as Chairman 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 _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _______________ 2026; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____________

HEALTH DIVISION – SAULT STE. MARIE DENTAL
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Sault Ste. Marie Dental for changes to the personnel page. This budget is funded by 3rd Party Revenue.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: ________________

HEALTH DIVISION-YES-RX FY 2026 FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Health Division's mission is to provide high quality, patient-centered health care that is responsive, courteous, and sensitive to individual, family, community and cultural needs with an emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion; and

WHEREAS, Yes-Rx, a charitable Cancer Drug Repository (CDR) service organization for the State of Michigan that raises funding from sponsors to offer CDR resources and support to the Yes-Rx Network, an interconnected system of healthcare sites and facilities in Michigan caring for patients with cancer (Yes-Rx Network) to improve health equity through access to medication and elimination of expensive medication waste; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Yes-Rx have a previously signed (1-23-2025) Participation Agreement and Yes-Rx is providing funds for the implementation of Yes-Rx program at Sault Tribe Health Clinics to be used for pharmaceutical needs and Cancer Outreach to Sault Tribe members in the 7 County Service Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby accepts $40,300.00 from Yes-Rx to provide Sault Tribe Yes-Rx recipients with comfort and soothing items to aid in cancer treatment and healing, Pharmacy staff delivering Yes-Rx Cancer Medications with support and implementation items, and support for community-wide communication about the Yes-Rx program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Health Division CEO, or their designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE FORMAL TRIBAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising inherent sovereign authority for the welfare of its members and families; and

WHEREAS, Section 412 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 612, authorizes eligible Indian Tribes to administer Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF) programs pursuant to an approved Tribal Family Assistance Plan; and

WHEREAS, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) seeks to evaluate whether establishment of a Tribal TANF program would be financially, operationally, and programmatically beneficial to the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ACF), requires preliminary information and a Letter of Intent in order to obtain relevant State data necessary to estimate potential Tribal TANF funding and evaluate program feasibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes ACFS to initiate formal exploration of establishing a Tribal TANF program, including coordination with HHS/ACF, the State of Michigan, and other appropriate entities to obtain and analyze relevant financial, caseload, service-area, and programmatic data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson, or authorized designee, is authorized to execute and submit to HHS/ACF a Letter of Intent and other preliminary documentation necessary to obtain the State of Michigan data required for the Tribe's Tribal TANF feasibility analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ACFS shall evaluate the information received and provide findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the feasibility, costs, benefits, risks, and potential structure of a Tribal TANF program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this authorization is for exploration and feasibility analysis only and does not authorize establishment of a Tribal TANF program, submission of a Tribal Family Assistance Plan, acceptance of a Tribal TANF grant, or assumption of TANF responsibilities from the State of Michigan. Any such action shall require separate authorization by the Board of Directors.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (MDNR) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is committed to the stewardship, protection, and restoration of Anishinaabe homelands, waters, and culturally significant ecosystems for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe exercises its sovereignty and inherent rights through governance, research, and co-management of natural resources, including through the Natural Resources Division (NRD), which is responsible for advancing conservation, restoration, and co-stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) shares a mission to restore manoomin (wild rice) throughout the central and eastern Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and MDNR have negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to establish a partnership to restore manoomin throughout the central and eastern Upper Peninsula for the benefit of wildlife and people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as presented, and authorizes the execution of said MOU on behalf of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman to execute any and all documents, after legal department review, to carry out the intent of this resolution.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

GLOBAL CENTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS (GCTW) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is committed to the stewardship, protection, and restoration of Anishinaabe homelands, waters, and culturally significant ecosystems for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe exercises its sovereignty and inherent rights through governance, research, and co-management of natural resources, including through the Natural Resources Division (NRD), which is responsible for advancing conservation, restoration, and co-stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Global Center for Climate Change and Transboundary Waters (GCTW), an international research institute, shares compatible missions that emphasize the protection and enhancement of ecological and cultural rights, the advancement of sustainable and equitable global futures, and the engagement of Anishinaabe and Western scientific frameworks; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and GCTW have negotiated a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) and subsequent data sharing agreement to (1) pursue opportunities to support the advancement of students, postdoctoral fellows, and researchers within Tribal and University settings, and (2) generate impactful research and educational initiatives at the science-policy nexus, enhancing Tribally-led conservation and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Global Center for Climate Change and Transboundary Waters (GCTW) as presented, and authorizes the execution of said MOU on behalf of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman to execute any and all documents, after legal department review, to carry out the intent of this resolution.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, the undersigned, as Chairman 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 _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _______________ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

WAIVING 90.402 LIABILITY LIMITATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority (“STHA”) is the designated housing entity for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, STHA is working on a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Project; and

WHEREAS, 90.402 limits the liability of the STHA for any claim to $50,000; and

WHEREAS, STHA will need to include liabilities greater than $50,000 for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby waives the $50,000 liability limitation of 90.402 for any contract the STHA enters into related to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: ________________

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as accepted by the Audit Committee on August 20, 2026, hereby accepts the 2025 Governmental Audit as presented by their Auditors: Dennis, Gartland, & Niergarth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians approves the Chairman and CFO to execute all documents associated with the FY25 Audit including the Client Representation Letter.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

REALLOCATION OF FUNDS ARPA INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds needed to be obligated by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe developed an Interagency Agreement Program to satisfy the obligation designation for ARPA Funding; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF FAQ 17.16 provides guidance to allow for the reallocation of funds between contracts, such as Interagency Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby reallocates $34,474.98 to the Natural Resources Building Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-403 from the Lodge of Hope Playground Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-404 and $83,506.00 to the Unit 1 Trailers and New Construction Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-381 from the Elderly Remodel Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-382.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby reallocates $404,260.91 to the Unit 1 Apartment Building Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-380 from the following agreements:

$78,271.65 from the Lodge of Hope Playground Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-404.
$57,455.77 from the Elderly Remodel Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-382.
$140,293.95 from the Sugar Island Pow Wow Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-383.
$69,942.40 from the Marquette Community Center Interagency Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-385.
$40,815 from Contract Agreement approved by Resolution 2024-399.
$17,482.14 from the Elderly Parking Lot Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both the Natural Resources Building Interagency Agreement, Unit I Trailers and New Construction Interagency Agreement, and the Unit 1 Apartment Building Interagency Agreement remain in substantially the same scope and for substantially the same purpose as that for which the Interagency Agreements were approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Governmental CFO to perform any administrative budget modification necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee and each department overseeing the various Interagency Agreements that have funds being reallocated under this Resolution to execute any documents necessary to amend the various Interagency Agreements to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP 105(l) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is looking to enroll the Woolworths Building in the BIA 105(l) Program, and it requires a statement of ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Woolworths Building is located on tribally owned land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby confirms that it owns the building described below:

- Woolworths Building (Min Waban Dan): 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution diminishes, divests, alters, or otherwise affects any inherent, treaty, statutory, or other rights of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians over the property or activities described herein. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians expressly retains all rights and authority over the property and activities described herein, including but not limited to legislative, regulatory, adjudicatory, and taxing powers.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
LIFE AND DISABILITY BENEFITS

WHEREAS The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has determined that it is in the best interests of the Tribe and the employees of the Tribe to continue to offer life and disability benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors would like to continue to offer the current level of life and disability benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes renewal of the life and disability benefits through Hartford Life Insurance Company for a three-year period and authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this renewal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby resolves to renew the benefits at the rates indicated in the attached document.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

FY 2026 COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has funding to assist Tribes in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to improving public safety, criminal and juvenile justice and victims' services in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation will provide access to funding in seven (7) different purpose areas as outlined in the solicitation, STLE and Tribal Court would be applying for multiple Purpose areas 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe eligible to apply for the Coordinate Tribal Assistance Solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to improve its ability to keep safe its tribal members, those working or living on tribal lands and the general public visiting tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to provide the services necessary to meet the identified needs of its tribal communities through accessing funding intended for tribal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for FY 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairperson, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents on the Tribe's behalf.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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RESOLUTION NO: _____________

TRUST LAND STATUS FOR STRAWBERRY FIELDS
CITY OF ST. IGNACE MACKINAC COUNTY, MI

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Section 5110; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe lacks an adequate land base within its reservation to provide for economic development or self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Interior has the authority under the provision of 25 U.S.C. Section 5108 to accept title to lands in trust for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has the authority, under Article VII, Section 1 (k) of the Tribal Constitution to manage, lease, sell acquire, or otherwise deal with the tribal land; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors wishes to authorize its Chairman and Treasurer, to obtain conveyance of lands to the Secretary of Interior on the Tribe’s behalf, to execute any documents, and to take any other action on the Tribe's behalf, necessary to accomplish such conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcels of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: Land situated in the City of St. Ignace, County of Mackinac, Michigan Meridian.

SEE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the “Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians” under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as may be necessary to complete such conveyance.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

PURCHASE OF EPIRBS FOR LICENSED COMMERCIAL FISHERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has previously authorized the purchase of Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) for licensed commercial fishers in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Conservation Committee voted to request the Board of Directors to approve the purchase of EPIRBs to licensed commercial fishers that fished 20 or more days per year, based on the previous two years; and

WHEREAS, the cost of an EPIRB is estimated at $800, and there are approximately 25 licensed fishers who may qualify.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to $20,000 for the purchase of EPIRBs for licensed commercial fishers that meet the minimum criteria of 20 fishing days per year calculated over the past two fishing season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenditure shall be made from the Fishery Trust, cost center 4101.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____________

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF HEALTH CEO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignation of the Health Division CEO, effective August 25, 2026.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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Austin Lowes, Chairman Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Ashley Gravelle, Secretary Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: ____________

INTERIM APPOINTMENT - HEALTH CEO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby appoints as interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Health, ___________________.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim CEO shall exercise any and all authority of the position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this appointment shall be for a period not to exceed six months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this appointment shall be compensated pursuant to the Governmental Team Member Manual as reflected on the attached resolution information sheet.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this appointment shall report directly to the Board of Directors during the duration of the six-month appointment.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Ashley Gravelle, Secretary Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _______________

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A LEGAL CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is moving towards the implementation of a three-branch government with a separate judiciary, executive and legislative branch; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tribe (“Board”) is seeking to bring on a legislative legal consultant to assist the Tribe’s Legal Department with the drafting and review of necessary code provisions that will be needed in the new government structure; and

WHEREAS, the legislative legal consultant shall be a temporary contracted position that will terminate once the Board of Directors (Tribal Council) hires a full time Legislative Attorney and shall report directly to the Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes and approves the hiring of legal consultant to assist the Tribe’s Legal Department and the Board of Directors (Tribal Council) to review, revise, and draft the codes necessary for a separation of powers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this consultant shall be a direct report to the Board of Directors (Tribal Council).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

IMPROVING SAFETY ON HIGHWAY US-2 NEAR ST. IGNACE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") seeks to engage with the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) to make critical safety improvements to Highway US-2 near St. Ignace, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, two deaths have happened in the last two months on Highway US-2 near St. Ignace, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, local, tribal and state leaders have highlighted how dangerous this commercial stretch of Highway US-2 is due to high summer traffic, turning vehicles, and speed limits rising up to 65 mph; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to consult and advocate with state/local officials to push for safety improvements, including lowered speed limits and adding a stop light and/or roundabout to reduce the risk of serious and fatal accidents like those suffered this summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or their designee to advocate on behalf of the Tribe pursuant to the intent of this resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2026-145

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-145 authorized the amended Constitution submission for a Secretarial Election; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe still wishes to allow members the opportunity to vote on amending the Constitution, but wants to ensure members are fully educated with a full financial breakdown of the costs of implementing the Constitution and the current financial situation of the tribal government when voting on the Amended Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's financial situation is not clear enough to provide that breakdown to membership before a Secretarial Election is scheduled to be conducted under federal statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2026-145.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs its executive team to prepare and publish to members by May 1, 2027, a five-year projection of the financial position of the tribal government and a five-year projection of the costs of implementing the Amended Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that monthly open workshops will be conducted for the executive team to provide updates on the five-year financial projections of the Tribal government for the May 1, 2027, deadline.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a Resolution Authorizing Amended Constitution Submission for Secretarial Election must be on the agenda for a vote at the first board meeting in June 2027.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____________

AUTHORIZING SALE OF SIBLEY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe purchased the Sibley Property in the hope of opening and operating a casino; and

WHEREAS, due to court rulings, the Tribe will not be able to open and operate a casino on the Sibley Property; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to utilize the sale of the Sibley Property and utilize any allowable funds from that sale to help fund implementing the Amended Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the Governmental CFO to list the Sibley Property for sale and receive offers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, acceptance of any offer for the Sibley Property will need to be brought back to the Board of Directors for approval.

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: ___________

UPHOLDING THE MEMBERSHIP'S RIGHT TO VOTE AND ENFORCING BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2026, the Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-145, authorizing submission of the amended Constitution for a Secretarial Election; and

WHEREAS, the Separation of Powers and reform of Our Government have been discussed openly within our Tribe and communities for more than 20 years, and the Membership is fully educated and capable of deciding for themselves the structure of Our Government; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Secretarial Election is to place that decision in the hands of the Membership, where it rightfully belongs; and

WHEREAS, implying that Our Membership is not educated enough to make this decision, and that the cost of exercising their rights should determine whether they are allowed to vote, is insulting and undermines the Membership's Rights and questions each Member's intelligence and ability to decide the future structure of Our Government; and

WHEREAS, 9 of the currently seated Directors voted YES to initiate this process through Resolution 2026-145 and committed to upholding the Membership's Right to decide the future structure of Our Government; and

WHEREAS, 3 of the newly elected Directors campaigned on their commitment to upholding Our Membership's Right to vote on the Separation of Powers Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of protecting and upholding the Membership's Rights is an obligation of Government and not a justification to deny or delay the establishment of Constitutional Rights of Sault Tribe Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if Resolution 2026-145 is rescinded, the Board acknowledges and accepts full accountability for its prior unanimous approval, which could only have resulted from a failure to adequately review and understand the resolution and its implications prior to voting on it or because they purposely intended to mislead the Membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon rescission of Resolution 2026-145, all Board compensation shall be forfeited effective immediately and applied toward satisfying all costs resulting from that rescission until those costs have been paid in full.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

September 1, 2026
Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Buildings – Hessel Community Center FY 2026 and FY 2027 Budget Modifications) – Andrew Lane
Health Division – Sault Ste. Marie Dental FY 2026 Budget Modification – Carrie Rogers
Health Division – Yes-Rx FY 2026 Funds – Carrie Rogers, Danielle Goudreau
Authorization to Initiate Formal Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Exploration – Jami Moran
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Memorandum of Agreement – Katie Schultz
Global Center for Climate Change and Transboundary Waters (GCTW) Memorandum of Understanding – Katie Schultz
Waiving 90.402 Liability Limitation for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Project – Mariea Mongene
Acceptance of the 2025 Governmental Audit – Holly Haapala
Reallocation of Funds ARPA Interagency Agreement Projects – Holly Haapala
Statement of Ownership 105(l) Program – Holly Haapala
Hartford Life Insurance Company Life and Disability Benefits – Doug Goudreau
FY 2026 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation – Bob Marchand
Trust Land Status for Strawberry Fields City of St. Ignace Mackinac County, MI – Latisha Willette
Purchase of EPIRBs for Licensed Commercial Fishers – Conservation Committee/Clarence Hudak
Accepting Resignation of Health CEO – Board of Directors
Interim Appointment – Health CEO – Board of Directors
Authorizing the Hiring of a Legal Consultant – Directors' Sorenson and McRorie
Improving Safety on Highway US-2 Near St. Ignace – Director Sorenson
Rescinding Resolution 2026-145 – Director Lee
Authorizing Sale of Sibley Property – Chairman Lowes
Upholding the Membership's Right to Vote and Enforcing Board Accountability – Director McRorie

NEW BUSINESS:

Commercial Captain License Transfer
Committee Appointments – Child Welfare Committee
JKL Fiduciary Committee – Appointment of Vice Chairperson
Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: August 27, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for September 1, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Enrollment (CLOSED)

11:00
Health Division Updates (CLOSED)

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15
Government HR/Legal/Executives (CLOSED)

2:15
Tribal AI Use Policy

2:45
2027 Indian Housing Plan

3:45
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting