

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN**

January 20, 2026

5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES:
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Nature Conservancy Establish FY 2026 Budget
Authorize 2025 Year-End Budget Reconciliation
Amend 2012-103 Extension of Tobacco Cessation
Accept 2026 MILEAP Out-of-School Time Grant
Award Generator Maint. to Wolverine Power
MSHDA LIH Tax Credit Application
Land Lease to Sault Tribe Housing Authority
Waiver of Immunity - BS&A Software
Waiver of Immunity – Central Savings Bank
USDA – Request to Transition to Standard USDA
Forms and Contracts
DHS and ICE Enforcement on Tribal Lands
Approving JKL High School Expansion Plan
Approving Review of Long-Term 2% Agreements
Use of Tribal Vehicles by BoD and Employees
Use of Camera Policy for Remote Attendance
Add Mackinac Band to Draft Amended Constitution
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Resignation
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – NATURE CONSERVANCY
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2026 budget for Nature Conservancy with Other Revenue monies of \$50,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AUTHORIZATION FOR 2025 YEAR-END BUDGET
RECONCILIATIONS**

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 has a budget deficit for 2025; and

WHEREAS, to assist with the budget deficit, the Tribe wants to utilize health third-party revenue to replace tribal support for eligible costs in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Governmental CFO to utilize third-party revenue to replace tribal support for any eligible uses of third-party revenue from October to December 2025 for year-end budget reconciliations, with the assistance of the Budget Department, Legal Department, and Governmental CEO.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Governmental CFO and CEO are authorized to perform any administrative budget modifications that may be necessary for the 2025 year-end reconciliation budget reconciliations.

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-103
EXTENSION OF TOBACCO CESSATION SERVICES**

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 approved in Resolution 2012-103 the extension of tobacco cessation services utilizing Tobacco Tax funds to supplement the cessation program as administered through the Health Division; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco cessation services that are currently provided through the Health Division, CC# 4374, can be entirely funded by I.H.S. and Third-Party Revenue monies without the need for Tobacco Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Governmental CFO, the Tribe wishes to apportion the Tobacco Tax funds previously allocated to the Health Division back to the Tribal Tobacco Tax CC# 1253.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby amends Tribal Resolution 2012-103 to fund the Tobacco Cessation Services entirely through IHS funds and Third-Party Revenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Governmental CFO to perform any administrative budget modifications necessary to appropriate the Tobacco Tax funds previously allocated under Resolution 2012-103 from the Health Division to Tribal Tax.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this appropriated will be effective January 1, 2026.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

ACCEPT 2026 MiLEAP OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (OST) GRANT

WHEREAS, the Sault 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 of Chippewa Indians Youth Education and Activities Program (YEA) in partnership with Lake Superior Academy (LSA) was awarded \$705,355.00 in funding from the State of Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts the grant funding from the State of Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential (MiLEAP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges that the Youth Education & Activities Program (YEA) will return with a budget establishment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges and supports the partnership with Lake Superior Academy (LSA) in the implementation of the MiLEAP Out-of-School Time grant program for FY 2026, recognizing the Youth Education & Activities Program (YEA) and Lake Superior Academy's (LSA) vital roles in providing educational enrichment and support services to participating youth.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AWARD GENERATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TO WOLVERINE POWER

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, Facilities Management did RFP 25-125 for generator maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Wolverine Power submitted a bid and is the bid selected by Facilities Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the contract with Wolverine Power for \$63,380 from Cost Center 860 for a Generator Maintenance Contract.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents 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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(MSHDA) LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT APPLICATION AND
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY**

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 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) provides a competitive financing opportunity for the development of new affordable rental housing units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LIHTC Program is to support the creation of safe, decent, and affordable housing for low- to moderate-income individuals and families, including Tribal members residing within the Tribe's seven-county service area; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority is seeking approval to submit a LIHTC application to support the development of a new 36-unit permanent supportive housing for Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the submission of a LIHTC application requires the execution of various documents, certifications, forms, and related materials by the authorized representative of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the Sault Tribe Housing Authority to prepare and submit an application for a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit award through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the, Interim Housing Director and/or the Housing Director, or their duly authorized representative, is hereby granted authority to sign, execute, and submit any and all documents required to complete the LIHTC application and any associated pre-development or post-award requirements.

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

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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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

TRUST LAND – LAND LEASE TO SAULT TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 25 USC 467, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Constitution Article VII, Section (k) authorized the Board of Directors to lease Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use is in conformance with applicable Tribal Law; and

WHEREAS, a Lease and rental rate has been negotiated with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority with lease term of 50 years with automatic renewal of 50 years and the following requirements are being waived:

Appraisal requirement under 25 CFR §162.420
Performance Bond requirement under 25 CFR § 162.434
Insurance requirement under 25 CFR § 162.437.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute a lease of Tribal Trust Lands as they deem to be in the best interest of the Tribe and land being described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT A.

To the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority upon such terms and conditions as they may set out, and to execute such further documents, and certificates as may be necessary to complete the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the lease is in promotion of the public purposes and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

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
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION
BS&A SOFTWARE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Software and Service Agreement (“Agreement”) with BS&A Software (“BS&A”) as negotiated by Housing Authority; and

1.3 BS&A will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce BS&A to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and BS&A that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the “Waiver and Consent Obligations”; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of BS&A only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and

Is granted solely to BS&A; and

Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and BS&A and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction including any federal courts, courts located in Delaware, or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and

Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction; and

Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and

The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waive the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement resulting in arbitration. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the finance documents, note or Agreement for arbitration.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on June 30, 2026, shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

Section 5. AUTHORIZATION

5.1 T The Tribal Chairman or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the forgoing.

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
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION
CENTRAL SAVINGS BANK**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Letter of Credit Agreement (“Agreement”) with Central Savings Bank (“CSB”) as negotiated by the Governmental CFO for the pole agreement with Cloverland Electric for the Broadband Reconnect 3 and 4 Grants; and

1.3 CSB will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce CSB to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and CSB that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the “Waiver and Consent Obligations”; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of CSB only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and

Is granted solely to CSB; and

Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and CSB and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction including any federal courts, courts located in Michigan, or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and

Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction; and

Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and

The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waive the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement resulting in arbitration. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the finance documents, note or Agreement for arbitration.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on June 30, 2026, shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

Section 5. AUTHORIZATION

5.1 T The Tribal Chairman or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the forgoing.

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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

USDA – REQUEST TO TRANSITION DUTIES TO STANDARD USDA FORMS AND CONTRACTS

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 entered into a Development Agreement with Cherry Capital Connections (“CCC”) on July 31st 2024, authorized by Resolution No. 2024-133, which defined the functional duties and responsibilities for execution of the ReConnect Round 3 and Round 4 grant awards from the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Rural Utilities Service (RUD), and further established the post-award operating relationship between the Tribe and CCC; and

WHEREAS, the USDA specifically requested that all grant award functions and the post-award operating relationship between the Tribe and CCC be consolidated into a single definitive document, namely the Development Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the USDA has now requested that grant award activities performed by CCC be transitioned from the Development Agreement into standard USDA project forms and contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the transfer of applicable grant-related duties and responsibilities from the Development Agreement to the prescribed USDA forms and contracts described in the attached RIS with supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all terms, conditions, and obligations applicable to the original Development Agreement shall continue to apply to the duties and responsibilities transferred to the USDA forms and contracts, unless otherwise required by USDA.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that The Tribal Chairman is authorized to take all actions necessary 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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**BORDER SECURITY AND U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT ON TRIBAL LANDS**

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's Board of Directors (Board) has determined that heightened tensions have emerged regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in regards to tribal citizens being detained throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the Board condemns wrongful detainment and racial profiling by any and all law enforcement officers and believes in the fidelity of the US Constitutional rights that our members enjoy as United States Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tribal citizens, including Sault Tribe citizens, are United States citizens by law and are not immigrants nor subject to immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, Any federal activity on Sault Tribe land must recognize and respect our sovereignty, treaty obligations, established jurisdiction boundaries and take place pursuant to applicable tribal and federal laws in collaboration with our Tribal law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby condemns any unlawful action by ICE or any other federal law enforcement agents in their pursuant of enforcement of federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to take any action deemed necessary to further the intent of this resolution including employing advocacy efforts and issuing public statements on behalf of the tribe consistent with this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby directs that any statement issued from the Chair's office consistent with this resolution be sent to the Board of Directors.

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

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROVING JKL HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION PLAN

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 JKL Fiduciary Committee and JKL School administration have been working to develop a high school expansion plan; and

WHEREAS, at the January 13, 2026, JKL Fiduciary Committee meeting, the Fiduciary Committee recommended sending the JKL High School Expansion Plan, starting with 9th Grade, presented by JKL School to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors for action; and

WHEREAS, the JKL Fiduciary Committee authorized the plan to identify funding sources that could be used to implement the JKL High School Expansion plan to capture any and all fund sources that could be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the JKL High School Expansion Plan, starting with 9th Grade, recommended by the JKL Fiduciary Committee on January 13, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby directs the Tribal Administration to work with JKL School to identify all available funding sources that may be utilized in furtherance of the intent of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents to carry out the intent of this resolution that do not require additional Board approval under any applicable Tribal Polices.

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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROVING REVIEW OF LONG-TERM 2 PERCENT AGREEMENTS

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's Board of Directors (Board) believes it is necessary to do a review of long-term 2 percent agreements to see what agreements have lapsed, are expired, are no longer necessary and to see where new 2 percent agreements may be entered into; and

WHEREAS, at the January 13, 2026, JKL Fiduciary Committee meeting, the Fiduciary Committee recommended the Board to review these 2 percent agreements to see whether using 2 percent funds for Malcolm High School is viable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby directs the legal department to conduct a review of the current long term 2 percent agreements and advise the board on recommended changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby directs the legal department to specifically identify and advise on the best approach to utilize long-term 2 percent funding for the tribe to continue to support Malcolm High School.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the legal department shall bring their recommendations to the Board no later than 90 days from the date of this resolution.

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

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ESTABLISHING USE OF TRIBAL VEHICLES FOR ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND TRIBAL TEAM MEMBERS**

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, each year the mileage rate is established by the Federal Register; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Privately Owned Automobile rate is a full rate of \$0.725 per mile and a reduced rate of \$0.205 per mile; and

WHEREAS, the full mileage rate of \$0.725 per mile is used if use of privately owned automobile is authorized or if no government-furnished automobile is authorized and available; and

WHEREAS, the reduced rate of \$0.205 per mile is used if a government-furnished automobile is authorized and available and an employee chooses a personal vehicle for any travel exceeding fifty miles (one way) anyway; and

WHEREAS, all elected officials are currently receiving the full mileage rate for all of their travel; and

WHEREAS, it would be more cost-efficient to use tribal vehicles for travel rather than paying the full mileage rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby directs that all elected officials must make reasonable efforts to use a motor pool vehicle or a vehicle from a tribal program, per any applicable funding restrictions, for all travel related to performing their duties as elected officials of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Governmental Executive staff to take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure there are tribal vehicles for all elected officials in the outlying units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all elected officials will get first priority for any motor pool vehicle, or vehicle from a tribal program for their travel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all elected officials will receive the reduced mileage rate for all travel in their personal vehicle if a tribal vehicle is available and they choose to use a personal vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any elected official who is deemed uninsurable to operate a tribal vehicle will receive the reduced mileage rate for all their travel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs that tribal employees will receive the reduced mileage rate for all travel in their personal vehicle if a tribal vehicle is available and they choose to use a personal vehicle.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all elected officials and tribal employees will make reasonable efforts to carpool for travel.

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.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

ESTABLISHING USE OF CAMERA POLICY FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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's Board of Directors holds regular workshops, meetings, and special meetings where remote attendance is permitted (ie. Zoom); and

WHEREAS, remote technologies used by the Board of Directors and Chairman have working camera capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Code Chapter 14 Section 109 Voting disallows proxy or telephonic voting, but does allow voting through video conferencing; and

WHEREAS, remote technologies used by the Board of Directors and Chairman have working camera capabilities and to be in line with the mandate in Tribal Code 14.109 for voting, it should be required for the all Board Members and the Chairman to have their cameras on when not physically present in the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby directs that the Board of Directors and the Chairman must have their cameras on when attending any workshop or meeting through the use of remote technologies in order to best perform their duties as elected officials of the Tribe and to comply with tribal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Board Administrator and Board Administrator's Assistant to enforce this camera policy for both workshops and meetings.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately.

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.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ADDING MACKINAC BAND AS A HISTORIC BAND
IN THE DRAFT AMENDED CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) Board of Directors (“Board”) approved Tribal Resolution 2026-01 establishing deliverable deadlines for the submission of an amendment to the Sault Tribe Constitution to create a 3-branch separated government; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-01 set a deadline of February 6, 2026 for the redline of the 3-branch government, including all conforming edits requested in open session; and

WHEREAS, several Board members have expressed the desire, in open session, to amend Article III to add Mackinac Band as a historic band eligible for citizenship in the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the draft amended constitution should incorporate this change now so the citizens of the tribe can have their voice heard on all pertinent issues if the Board initiates a Secretarial election pursuant to the timelines established in Resolution 2026-01.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the draft amended constitution to include the following language in Article III:

All persons descended from the seven historical bands (Grand Island, Point Iroquois, Sault Ste. Marie, Garden River, Sugar Island, Mackinac Band and Drummond Island Bands) of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians whose names appear on any historical roll, census or record made by officials of the Department of the Interior or Bureau of Indian Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the Board of Directors authorizes, upon the finalization of the review process, the amended constitution that the above language shall be included in what is to be submitted to the Secretary of Interior for the purpose of holding a secretarial election for the membership to approve or deny the amendments.

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

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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.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

January 20, 2026
Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Natural Resources Division – Nature Conservancy Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski, Brandi MacArthur
Authorization for 2025 Year-End Budget Reconciliations – Holly Haapala
Amending Resolution 2012-103 Extension of Tobacco Cessation Services – Holly Haapala
Accept 2026 MILEAP Out-of-School Time (OST) Grant – Stephanie Sprecker, Lisa Burnside
Award Generator Maintenance Contract to Wolverine Power – Andrew Lane
Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application and Signature Authority – Mariea Mongene
Trust Land – Land Lease to Sault Tribe Housing Authority – Mariea Mongene
Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction BS&A Software – Mariea Mongene
Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction Central Savings Bank – Broadband Group
USDA – Request to Transition Duties to Standard USDA Forms and Contracts – Broadband Group
Border Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Tribal Lands – Chairman Lowes
Approving JKL High School Expansion Plan – JKL Fiduciary Committee
Approving Review of Long-Term 2 Percent Agreements – JKL Fiduciary Committee
Establishing Use of Tribal Vehicles for Elected Officials and Tribal Team Members – Chairman Lowes, Directors' McRorie, Payment
Establishing Use of Camera Policy for Remote Attendance – Chairman Lowes, Directors' McRorie, Payment
Adding Mackinac Band as a Historic Band in the Draft Amended Constitution – Directors' Borowicz, Barbeau, Sorenson, Payment

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Resignation
Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Board of Directors**
FROM: **Lona Stewart, Board Administrator**
DATE: **January 15, 2026**
RE: **Workshop Agenda for January 20, 2026**

AGENDA

10:00
Budgets (CLOSED)

10:10
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

11:30 (or upon completion of EA WS)
Enterprise Authority Meeting

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch Break**

1:00
STI 4th Quarter 2025 Update (CLOSED)

2:00
Boedne Bay Update

2:30
Proposed Constitution Amendment Review

4:00
Agenda Review

5:00 **Board of Directors Regular Meeting**