



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-145

**AUTHORIZING AMENDED CONSTITUTION SUBMISSION
FOR A SECRETARIAL ELECTION**

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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 461 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Article X-Amendments states, "This constitution and bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon the receipt of a resolution passed by a majority of the board of directors, the chairperson having the right to vote thereon;"; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Board of Directors that a Secretarial election be held for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to create a co-equal three-branch government creating a separation of powers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby requests the Secretary of the Interior to call a Secretarial Election to present the proposed, and attached, amendments to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and 25 C.F.R. Part 81.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the attached copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Secretary of the Interior within 30 days of enactment of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends the draft Constitutional Amendments document to require a two-thirds vote of Tribal Council to overturn a Veto from the Ogemaa.

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 19 day of May 2026; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 13 members for, 0 members against,

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0 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