

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MUNISING TRIBAL CENTER
MUNISING, MICHIGAN
September 17, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 9/3/24 Regular Meeting
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: ACFS – Social Work FY24 Budget Mod
GLRI Wolf - Establish FY24 Budget
Planning St. Mary’s Coastal Wetland Establish FY25 Budget
Monitoring/Restoration-St. Mary’s Establish FY25 Budget
Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing Establish FY25 Budget
Sault Housekeeping/Maint & 3rd Party FY24 Budget Mods
Manistique Admin., Optical & 3rd Party FY24 Budget Mods
Sault Pharmacy FY24 Budget Mod
Governmental – Elections FY24 Budget Mod
Approve JKL Fiduciary Comm & Sault Schools Agreement
Approve Contractor Selection – Marquette Facility Renovation
Accept Inter-Governmental Forest Protection Award
Accept USFWS Aquatic Invasive Species Award
Approval of 6th Amendment to Tax Agreement
Authorize Use Tribal Logos - American Indian Law Handbooks
Authorize Joint Venture – Tierra Cheboygan Project
Authorize MOU/MOA for MI Native American Boarding
School Project
NCAI 2024 Annual Convention Delegates and 2025 Dues
Establishing Grants Department
Tribal Styrofoam Ban
Purchase Narcan Dispensers for Each Unit
Kewadin Casinos Smoking Ban Implementation Plan
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointments
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACFS – SOCIAL WORK
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to the Social Work budget for an increase in Tribal Support of \$19,891.51.

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

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
GLRI WOLF
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2024 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 2024 budget for GLRI Wolf with Federal BIA monies of \$33,774.26. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
PLANNING ST MARYS COASTAL WETLAND
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2025 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 2025 budget for Planning St. Mary’s Coastal Wetland with Federal National Fish and Wildlife Foundation monies of \$ 100,045.34. No effect on Tribal Support.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
MONITORING & RESTORATION IN THE ST. MARY’S RIVER
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2025 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 2025 budget for Monitoring & Restoration in the St. Mary’s River with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$61,302.43. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
LAKE WHITEFISH EXPERIMENTAL REARING
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2025 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 2025 budget for Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing with Federal BIA monies of \$ 40,499.49. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION –SAULT STE MARIE HOUSEKEEPING/
MAINTENANCE AND THIRD-PARTY REVENUE
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Sault Ste. Marie Housekeeping/Maintenance for a decrease in Other Revenue monies of \$65,005.73 and an increase in 3rd Party Revenue monies of \$75,481.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to 3rd Party Revenue increasing the amount to Sault Ste. Marie Housekeeping/Maintenance \$75,481.00.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – MANISTIQUE ADMINISTRATION, OPTICAL
AND THIRD-PARTY REVENUE
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Manistique Administration for a decrease in 3rd Party Revenue monies of \$15,871.79.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Manistique Optical for an increase in 3rd Party Revenue monies of \$15,871.79.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to 3rd Party Revenue reallocating \$15,871.79 from Manistique Administration to Optical.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – SAULT STE. MARIE PHARMACY
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Sault Ste. Marie Pharmacy for a reallocation of expenses and a change to the personnel page. No effect on Tribal Support.

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: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL - ELECTIONS
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to the Elections budget for an increase in Tribal Support of \$15,319.41.

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: _____

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN JKL FIDUCIARY
COMMITTEE AND SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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 was established on May 1, 2005 subsequently reauthorized and approved in Resolution 2006-30 to be composed of Board Members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, at the JKL Fiduciary Committee meeting on August 27, 2024 the committee approved an agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools for education services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the agreement between JKL Fiduciary Committee and Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER 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.

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 _____ 2024; 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 CONTRACTOR SELECTION - MARQUETTE FACILITY
RENOVATION**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribal Health Services wishes to expand and provide access to high quality healthcare throughout the (7) county service area to tribal families and eligible patients; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribal Health Services has advertised seeking services of qualified contractors to conduct Phase I of the Marquette facility renovation; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribal Health Services has identified a qualified contractor through the Sault Tribe Procurement process to complete the Phase I renovation of the Marquette Health site; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be comprised of COVID and Third-Party funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the recommended contractor, Hall Contracting, to conduct the Phase I renovation of the Marquette health center site as specified and designed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute this agreement and take such other steps as may be deemed necessary.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

ACCEPT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL FOREST PROTECTION AWARD

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 Tribe seeks to restore our ability and authority to steward the lands and waters of the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory for the long-term benefit of our human and ecological communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service and Sault Tribe entered into a Tribal Forest Protection Act Agreement in 2023 aimed at building resilience in remnant boreal forest ecosystems within the Hiawatha National Forest and across the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has awarded implementation funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 over five years for this Tribal Forest Protection Act Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Natural Resources Division to accept this Tribal Forest Protection Act award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to execute all documents, contracts, and subcontracts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

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 _____ 2024; 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: _____

ACCEPT USFWS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AWARD F23AP03303-00

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 seeks to restore our ability and authority to steward the lands and waters of the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory for the long-term benefit of our human and ecological communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers a \$98,737.95 grant to support a Fisheries Biologist and other costs towards Aquatic Invasive Species Management, Outreach, and Education; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division – Fisheries Program seeks to accept this grant award, establish a new cost center, and establish a FY25 budget to support Aquatic Invasive Species Management, Outreach, and Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Division's acceptance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant, cost center creation, and budget development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Tribe, 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.

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: _____

**APPROVAL OF SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE TAX AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF
CHIPPEWA INDIANS AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

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 Tribe and the State of Michigan have agreed to five proposed changes to the tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, the first change is to increase the threshold for sales and use tax-sharing from \$5 Million to \$8 Million; and

WHEREAS, the second change implements a time limit for the State collecting sales and use tax when a Resident Tribal Member transfers a vehicle or modular home to a non-Residential Tribal Member; and

WHEREAS, the third change increases the threshold retail dollar amounts for when the State can collect sales and use tax when a Resident Tribal Member transfers a vehicle or modular home to a non-Residential Tribal Member; and

WHEREAS, the fourth change expands the vehicle tax exemption when a Tribe purchases a vehicle for Tribal Government Functions; and

WHEREAS, the fifth change automatically adjusts certain dollar amounts in the agreement to account for inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute the Sixth Amendment to the Tax agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan.

CERTIFICATION

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GRANTING LICENSE FOR USE OF TRIBAL LOGOS
IN AMERICAN INDIAN LAW HANDBOOKS**

WHEREAS, the Tribe has created the Tribe's logos and holds the copyrights to them and, no person or company may use a logo without the express written permission of the Tribe as expressed in Resolutions passed by the Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum established by the Michigan Supreme Court, has created their first Introduction to American Indian Law Handbook for distribution to Michigan Law Schools and wishes to use the 12 Michigan Tribe's intellectual property (logos, seals, pictures) within the handbook(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby grants a limited, non-exclusive, world-wide, royalty-free, transferable license to the Tribal State Federal Forum for the use of the Tribe's logos, seal, pictures, for the limited purpose of use in the American Indian Law Handbooks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall expire ten years from the date of this Resolution understanding that the Tribal State Federal Forum may request an extension in the future if it so desires.

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: _____

**AUTHORIZING JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT FOR TIERRA
CHEBOYGAN PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, Tierra Realty Trust, LLC is looking at securing funding for a Tierra Cheboygan housing project; and

WHEREAS, Tierra Realty Trust, LLC is looking to partner with the Tribe on this Tierra Cheboygan project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute all documents and agreements with Tierra Realty Trust, LLC for the Tierra Cheboygan project.

CERTIFICATION

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 _____ 2024; 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: _____

**AUTHORIZING MOU/MOA FOR MI NATIVE AMERICAN
BOARDING SCHOOL PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Civil Rights is working on an MI Native American Boarding School Project (“MINABS”) pursuant to Public Act 116 of 2022 and Public Act 119 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, MINABS is to better understand the Native American boarding school experience in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, boarding schools impacted Tribal members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is interested in working with the State on MINABS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents to enter into a MOU/MOA for the MI Native American Boarding School Project with the State of Michigan.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND 2025 DUES**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians wishes to renew our membership in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Nation meets all requirements for Tribal membership, pursuant to Article III - Members, Section B of the Constitution and By-Laws of NCAI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, which is the official governing body of the above-named Tribal Nation, hereby authorizes who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribal Nation in Membership with NCAI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal funds in the amount of \$12,000 based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in the NCAI By-Laws, Article III – Members, Section C 2 are authorized to be paid for NCAI membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the tribal enrollment of persons, the Tribal Nations shall have 180 votes, in accordance with Article III – Members, Section B 1s.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article III, Member, Section B 1(b) of the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Nation designates the following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing with NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Congress of Americans Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session and Mid-Year Conference.

Delegate: Austin Lowes **Title:** Chairman
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Tyler LaPlaunt **Title:** Director, Vice-Chairman
Term Expiration Date: 06/25/26

Signature: _____

Alternate: Kimberly Hampton **Title:** Director, Secretary
Term Expiration Date: 06/25/26

Signature: _____

Alternate: Isaac McKechnie **Title:** Director, Treasurer
Term Expiration Date: 06/25/26

Signature: _____

Alternate: Aaron Payment **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Kimberle Gravelle **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Robert McRorie **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/25/26

Signature: _____

Alternate: Michael McKerchie **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Kimberly Lee **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/25/26

Signature: _____

Alternate: Lana Causley **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Shawn Borowicz **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/25/26

Signature: _____

Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Larry Barbeau **Title:** Director
Term Expiration Date: 06/22/28

Signature: _____

Alternate: Michael McCoy **Title:** Legislative Director
Term Expiration Date: N/A

Signature: _____

Alternate: Michael Pins **Title:** Gaming Commission Executive Director
Term Expiration Date: N/A

Signature: _____

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Delegates and Alternate Delegates are allowed to hold an officer position within the NCAI.

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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

ESTABLISHING GRANTS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sault 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 depends on grants for services provided to members; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department does not have the capabilities to write grants; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has missed out on grant opportunities due to not having staff to write grants; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to establish a Grants Department under the Director of Strategic Planning and Planning and Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby establishes a Grants Department under the Director of Strategic Planning and Planning and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors establishes three grant writing positions for the Grants Department: A Health Grant Writer (funded by the Health Division), a Housing Grant Writer (funded by Housing), and a General Grant Writer (funding to be determined) that focuses on EDC, energy, and any other grants that may be beneficial to the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Director of Strategic Planning to work with Governmental HR to develop and post positions for a Health Grant Writer, a Housing Grant Writer, and a General Grant Writer by November 1, 2024.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Director of Strategic Planning to establish a budget for the Grants Department and to work with Accounting, Health, and Housing to establish a process for paying for these positions by November 1, 2024.

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

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at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the ____ day of _____ 2024; 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: _____

TRIBAL STYROFOAM BAN

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-118 established that the Tribe will operate in a manner not to threaten and endanger the clean, freshwater and land resources and necessary habitats for More than Human Relatives and take the steps to conduct business in a way necessary to protect More than Human Relatives; and

WHEREAS, styrofoam products such as one-time-use cups, dishes, and takeout containers are harmful to the environment, harming our More than Human Relatives; and

WHEREAS, when left in a landfill, styrofoam takes over 500 years to degrade and composes at least 30% of every landfill in America; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to take the steps to no longer utilize Styrofoam products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes that effective January 1, 2025, the Tribe will no longer use styrofoam products, such as one-time-use cups, dishes, and takeout containers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes that this resolution will have no impact on the use of styrofoam products for medical purposes or packaging for products that are purchased.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

PURCHASE OF NARCAN DISPENSERS FOR EACH UNIT

WHEREAS, the Sault 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 received Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, an allowable use for the Opioid Settlement funds is to increase the availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with opioid use disorder and their friends and family members, schools, community navigators, and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Narcan can quickly restore normal breathing to a person during an opioid overdose; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to utilize Opioid Settlement Funds to purchase Narcan dispensers for public use and accessibility across all units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Health Center to purchase Narcan dispensers for each Unit, for a total of up to \$100,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the CFO to make an internal budget modification utilizing the Opioid Settlement Funds.

BE IF FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Health Center to place these Narcan dispensers in each Unit at locations determined to be most beneficial to members.

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

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

KEWADIN CASINOS SMOKING BAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Kewadin casino patrons have the choice to game at our properties, whether or not we are smoke free; and

WHEREAS, first hand smoke and second-hand smoke have virtually no difference in their strong positive correlation with the incidence of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, cancer diagnoses have rapidly become the number one killer for citizens of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, despite casino patron preferences with respect to smoking, a company cannot genuinely claim to support the wellness of their employment team members when subjecting their team members to carcinogens that secondhand smoke represents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby establishes that Kewadin Casino gaming spaces, and all public spaces in casino properties shall be smoke-free.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a designated smoking room shall be established for casino patrons who smoke. Said room shall not be a gaming space.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Kewadin Casino Executive shall present to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and the Kewadin Gaming Authority, an implementation plan to happen within 30 days of enactment of this resolution.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

September 17, 2024

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RESOLUTIONS:

ACFS – Social Work FY 2024 Budget Modification – Junita Bye, Lisa Bumstead, Melissa VanLuven

NRD – GLRI Wolf Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Brad Silet, Robin Clark

NRD – Planning St. Mary's Coastal Wetland Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Robin Clark

NRD – Monitoring & Restoration in the St. Mary's River Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Brad Silet

NRD – Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski

Health Division – SSM Housekeeping/Maintenance and 3rd Party Revenue FY 2024 Budget Modifications – Joel Lumsden

Health Division – Manistique Admin., Optical and 3rd Party Revenue FY 2024 Budget Modifications – Nicole Fuson

Health Division – SSM Pharmacy FY 2024 Budget Modification – Carrie Horton

Governmental – Elections FY 2024 Budget Modification – Lona Stewart

Approval of Agreement Between JKL Fiduciary Committee and Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools – Stephanie Sprecker

Approving Contractor Selection – Marquette Facility Renovation – Joel Lumsden

Inter-Governmental Forest Protection – Robin Clark

USFWS Aquatic Invasive Species F23AP03303-00 – Jack Tuomikoski, Robin Clark

Approval of Sixth Amendment to The Tax Agreement Between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the State of Michigan – Ryan Mills, Latisha Willette

Granting License for Use of Tribal Logos in American Indian Law Handbooks – Traci Swan

Authorizing Joint Venture Agreement for Tierra Cheboygan Project – Dan Doyle

Authorizing MOU/MOA for MI Native American Boarding School Project – Chairman Lowes
National Congress of American Indians 2024 Annual Convention Delegates and 2025 Dues – Chairman Lowes

Establishing Grants Department – Directors' Hampton, LaPlaunt, McRorie

Tribal Styrofoam Ban – Directors' Hampton, LaPlaunt, McRorie

Purchase Narcan Dispensers for Each Unit – Directors' Hampton, Barbeau, McKechnie, LaPlaunt, McRorie, Chairman Lowes

Kewadin Casinos Smoking Ban Implementation Plan – Directors' Payment, LaPlaunt, Borowicz

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments – Elder Committees: Unit 2 Naubinway and Unit 5 Marquette Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: September 12, 2024
RE: Workshop Agenda for September 17, 2024

AGENDA **Closed Session**

10:00
Key Employees
Regular Meetings with All Key Employees

10:45
Health Report

11:15
Executive Reports - Governmental

12:00 – 1:00
Lunch Break

1:00
Tour of White Pines Lodge/Convenience Store

2:00
Cheboygan Housing Development Opportunity

2:30
Logo Usage – Tribal Court Request

2:45
Inter-Governmental Forest Protection Award
Aquatic Invasive Species Award

3:15
6th Amendment to Tax Agreement

3:30
Smoke Free Pilot

4:00
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting