

Sault Tribe Chairman Resigns

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Sault Ste. Marie, MI - Sault Tribe Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy on Tuesday night announced his immediate resignation as the elected leader of the 39,000-member Tribe.

His brief resignation letter to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors provided no specific reasons for his decision to resign other than "circumstances beyond my control."

McCoy had served for nearly three years as Chairman after being elected by members of the Tribe.

Under the Tribe's Constitution:

1. Board Vice Chairperson Lana Causley will serve as interim Chairperson until a successor is appointed or elected.
2. The Sault Tribe Board will decide as soon as possible whether to either appoint a successor, as specified in the Tribal constitution, or call an advisory special election to fill the seat under Tribal law.

All Board members pledged a smooth transition to the new chairperson.