

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MUNISING TRIBAL CENTER
MUNISING, MICHIGAN
October 27, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 10/13/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: NRD Fire Suppression Est. FY27 Budget
NRD GLRI Deepwater Fish Est. FY27 Budget
Health Walk In Clinic Est. FY27 Budget
Health Rural Health Transformation Program
Health Approving Contractor Bathroom Remodel
Gov. and Housing Team Member Vacation Payout
Partial Waiver of Convictions Ms. Raeann Franklin
NTIA Native Entities Grant Program Application
Amending Chapter 21 Hunting and Inland Fishing
Redistrict/Reapportion Representation
Tribal Funds Disbursement for Powwows
Appointing Appellate Chief Judge J. Hautamaki
Appointing Appellate Judge V. Davis
Appointing Appellate Judge M. Starling
Nominating Tribal Chair to HUD TIAC
Authorizing Tribal Households Free Access to
Fitness Centers
Supporting State of Michigan Legislation
Creation of Health Authority Under Tribal Council
Creation of an Independent Health Authority
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Requests
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCE DIVISION – EMERGENCY FIRE
SUPPRESSION ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2027 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of the FY 2027 budget for Emergency Fire Suppression with Federal BIA Revenue of \$14,000.00. 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vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCE DIVISION – GLRI DEEPWATER FISH
ASSESSMENT ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2027 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of the FY 2027 budget for GLRI Deepwater Fish Assessment with Federal BIA Revenue of \$11,770.94. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – SAULT STE. MARIE WALK IN CLINIC
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2027 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of FY 2027 budget for Sault Ste. Marie Walk In Clinic with Federal IHS Revenue of \$420,464.56 and 3rd Party Revenue of \$657,986.06, for a total budget of \$1,078,450.63.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the transfer in of \$657,986.06 in 3rd Party Revenue to Sault Ste. Marie Walk In Clinic.

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

HEALTH DIVISION – RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

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, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided a funding opportunity through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP); and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division will utilize the funds to strengthen health outcomes in rural communities by investing in community-driven, culturally grounded, and sustainable health solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Health Division’s acceptance for the RHTP FY27 Funds in the amount of \$5,000 (financial placeholder).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, Health Division CEO, or their designee, to execute 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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Austin Lowes, Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – APPROVING CONTRACTOR FOR BATHROOM
REMODEL PROJECT SAULT HC**

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, the Sault Tribe Health Division has identified a qualified contractor through the Sault Tribe Procurement process to complete the Indian Health Services (IHS) Backlog of Essential Maintenance Alteration and Repair (BEMAR) funded Bathroom Remodel at the Sault Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be comprised of BEMAR funds in the amount of \$333,450.49 (CC:13191).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves awarding the contract to Northern Superior Property Services in the amount of \$333,450.49 for the Sault Health Bathroom Remodel Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legal Department will assist the Health Division in negotiations of the contract with Northern Superior Property Services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any documents necessary, once approved by the Legal Department, subject that it does not require additional approval from the Board of Directors under any applicable Tribal laws or policies, 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 _____ 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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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL AND HOUSING TEAM MEMBER
VACATION PAYOUT**

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 Board of Directors has determined that Team members have remained unable to utilize vacation time due to the tribal needs of the programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby approve a vacation payout for eligible Governmental and Housing team members if the team member has an excess of 160 hours accrued. A team member can request by 8-hour increments to be paid out up to 80 hours if available. A team member must have in excess of 160 hours at the time of the request to be eligible for the payout. They will need at least 160 hours remaining in their accrual after withdrawal to be eligible for this payout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of this Resolution hereby control, supersede, and rescind any past Resolution or policy that is contrary to the action of the Board of Directors set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the Governmental and Housing Team Member Vacation Payout for the current year 2026 and moving forward annually as part of the Governmental and Housing Team Member Benefit Package.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Finance Department to implement this vacation payout and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Finance Department shall provide an annual update to the Board of Directors on the Governmental and Housing Team Member Vacation Payout.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson 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, Chairperson
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**PARTIAL WAIVER OF CONVICTIONS FOR
MS. RAEANN FRANKLIN**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has enacted Tribal Code Chapter 76: Partial Waiver of Conviction for Gaming License Purpose that allows for a partial waiver of conviction be issued to tribal members who have been convicted of a crime and would be denied a license for employment in a gaming operation pursuant to Chapter 42; and

WHEREAS, Ms. RaeAnn Franklin, a tribal member who was convicted of:

1. Domestic Violence
2. Domestic Violence
3. Failure to Report Accident
4. Obstruction/Disorderly
5. Alcohol-Purchase/Consume/Possess

WHEREAS, Ms. RaeAnn Franklin, would be denied a license for employment as a key employee or primary management official because of the criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that Ms. RaeAnn Franklin is not likely to engage in any offensive or criminal course of conduct and the public good does not require that he be denied a license as a key employee or primary management official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. RaeAnn Franklin.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairperson
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVE APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR NTIA NATIVE ENTITIES
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' mission is to improve the health, welfare, and education, of its members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes an increasing reliance on internet connectivity for the tribal members in many essential areas, including work/job creation, healthcare, remote learning/education, and ensuring continued access to our existing community institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby expressly authorizes and approves the submission by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of an application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, within the U.S. Department of Commerce, for membership portal development, digital navigators, and workforce development activities under the Native Entities Grant Program, Funding Opportunity Number 2026-NTIA-NEGP.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes its Chairman, or his designee, to execute and submit the application and all related forms, certifications, assurances, and supporting documents necessary for this application.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 21: HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING

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 Conservation Committee discussed and voted to recommend these amendments to Chapter 21 at its October 19, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does not want to impose more restrictive regulations on tribal hunters than what is required for state hunters under state regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby adopts the following amendments to Tribal Code Chapter 21, Hunting and Inland Fishing:

21.503 Shooting Hours.

Shooting hours are one half (½) hour before sunrise to one half (½) hour after sunset Eastern Standard Time (EST). Except that fox, raccoon, opossum, snowshoe hare, cotton tail rabbit and coyote may be hunted after sunset with use of dogs, game call, artificial lights, or infrared/night vision scopes.

21.702 Deer

(2) Firearm season shall be:

- a) Early season shall be the day after Labor Day through November 9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these amendments to Chapter 21 shall take effect immediately.

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

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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING REDISTRICT/REAPPORTIONMENT OF
REPRESENTATION ELECTION UNITS**

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 not made appropriate findings as to population patterns and demographics of the tribal membership in the Upper Peninsula to ensure that the five election units are equitably represented; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") is implementing a transition plan to conform the new government and the tribal codes to be in line with the new three-branch government and believes that an accurate and redistricting or reapportionment plan should be proposed to ensure that the five election units have equitable and fair representation prior to the 2028 election cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes the Tribe's Election Commission to make findings of population patterns and demographics of the tribal membership in the Upper Peninsula for the purposes of redistricting or reapportioning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Election Commission shall work with the Elder Advisory Committee to create the redistricting plan that ensures adequate representation across all five election units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Election Commission shall present to the Board a proposed redistricting or reapportionment plan for approval within sixty (60) days of approval of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall vote to approve or disapprove of the proposed plan within sixty (60) days of the Election Commission submitting such plan and that failure to vote within that sixty (60) day timeline shall deem the proposed plan to be final.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any redistricting or reapportionment plan approved pursuant to this resolution that be implemented prior to the beginning of the 2028 election cycle and every ten (10) years thereafter.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

TRIBAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENT FOR POWWOWS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") seeks to refine financial oversight and improve transparency regarding the use of tribal funding disbursed for the production of cultural events; and

WHEREAS, producing a powwow involves a wide range of logistical, cultural, and operational expenses, including venue and equipment, infrastructure, permits, supplies, feasts and food, water, contest payouts, special honors, key personnel travel, and other expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe provides funding to various Powwow Committees to support the production of Powwow events; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to optimize the use of cultural event funds, and Powwows represent a major category of cultural tribal fund disbursements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribe's CFO and the Tribal Administration to create a process to require Powwow Committees in receipt of tribal funding, **regardless of funding source**, to provide a reconciliation of such funds in the form of receipts, invoices, statements, orders, transaction logs, and other records detailing the use of tribally-provided Powwow funds.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPOINTING JARED HAUTAMAKI AS CHIEF JUDGE
OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors appoints Jared Hautamaki as Chief Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals for a four (4) year term beginning October 27, 2026 or until this position becomes an elected position in June 2028.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to contract with Mr. Hautamaki for said position under the normal parameters and as budgeted with the Court's budget.

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
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPOINTING VIRGINIA DAVIS AS ATTORNEY JUDGE
OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors appoints Virginia Davis as an Attorney position Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals for a four (4) year term beginning October 27, 2026 or until this position becomes an appointed position in June 2028.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to contract with Ms. Davis for said position under the normal parameters and as budgeted with the Court's budget.

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
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPOINTING MEGHAN STARLING AS COMMUNITY JUDGE
OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors appoints Meghan Starling as a Community Member position Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals for a four (4) year term beginning October 27, 2026 or until this position becomes an appointed position in June 2028.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to contract with Ms. Starling for said position under the normal parameters and as budgeted with the Court's budget.

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
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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON TO THE HUD TRIBAL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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 Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") wishes to nominate Tribal Chairman Austin Lowes to serve a two-year term on the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) established by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby nominates its Chairman Austin Lowes to serve a two-year term on the HUD TIAC.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING FREE ACCESS TO TRIBAL FITNESS CENTERS TO
TRIBAL HOUSEHOLDS**

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 operates various Tribal Fitness centers and areas throughout the seven-county service area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") wishes to provide free access to the Tribe's fitness centers to all members of a Sault Tribe Household.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes free access to all Sault Tribe fitness centers to members of a Sault Tribe Household.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sault Tribe Household shall be defined as a household that includes at least one household member who is an enrolled member of the Tribe and includes a spouse, brother, sister, or another family member that lives in the same house as the enrolled tribal member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Administration and Health Division shall bring a policy and procedure to implement this resolution within 30 days of enactment of this resolution.

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.

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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**SUPPORTING STATE OF MICHIGAN LEGISLATION
MANDATING TRIBAL CONSULTATION**

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 Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") the consultation process between the State of Michigan and its agencies and the Federally Recognized Tribes in Michigan does not adequately address the needs of the Tribes and believes a requirement for meaningful consultation should be mandated through state law; and

WHEREAS, Board wishes to advocate for the State of Michigan to adopt legislation that would mandate the State and its Agencies to both recognize the unique relationship between the State and the Tribe's as sovereign nations and would mandate the creation of tribal consultation policies in collaboration with each Michigan Tribal Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves advocacy efforts of the Tribe and its Administration to push for the attached draft Government-To-Government Relationship with Tribal Governments draft consultation legislation to be adopted by the State of Michigan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, the Tribal Administration, and Tribal Legal or their designee to take any action 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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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF THE HEALTH 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, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has created different Authorities to carry out both governmental and economic interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") wishes to create a Health Authority that is modeled after the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority and the Enterprise Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the attached Sault Tribe Health Authority Charter modeled after the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority and the Enterprise Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the created Health Authority shall be governed by a Health Board that is populated by the members of Board of Directors until such time as the Board or future Tribal Council amends the terms of the Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legal Department is authorized to implement this code change, assign a code chapter, and make any clerical changes as necessary to ensure the code is in line with the intent of this resolution.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF THE HEALTH 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, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has created different Authorities to carry out both governmental and economic interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") wishes to create a Health Authority that is modeled after the Housing Authority and Sault Tribe Incorporated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the attached Sault Tribe Health Authority Charter modeled after the Housing Authority and Sault Tribe Incorporated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the created Health Authority shall be governed by a Health Board that is populated by Tribal Members that are independent of the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legal Department is authorized to implement this code change, assign a code chapter, and make any clerical changes as necessary to ensure the code is in line with the intent of this resolution.

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

October 27, 2026

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Natural Resource Division – Emergency Fire Suppression Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Katie Schultz

Natural Resource Division – GLRI Deepwater Fish Assessment Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski

Health Division – Sault Ste. Marie Walk In Clinic Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Carrie Rogers

Health Division – Rural Health Transformation Program – Joel Lumsden

Health Division – Approving Contractor for Bathroom Remodel Project Sault HC – Joel Lumsden

Governmental and Housing Team Member Vacation Payout – Holly Haapala

Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Raeann Franklin – Cassandra Ivonon

Approve Application Submission for NTIA Native Entities Grant Program – Bill Travitz

Amending Tribal Code Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing – Clarence Hudak for Conservation Committee

Authorizing Redistrict/Reapportionment of Representation Election Units – Director LaPlaunt
Tribal Funds Disbursement for Powwows – Director Goudreau

Appointing Jared Hautamaki as Chief Judge of The Court of Appeals – Board of Directors

Appointing Virginia Davis as Attorney Judge of The Court of Appeals – Board of Directors

Appointing Meghan Starling as Community Judge of the Court of Appeals – Board of Directors

Nomination of Chairperson to the Hud Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee – Director Payment

Authorizing Free Access to Tribal Fitness Centers to Tribal Households – Directors' Causley-Smith, Lee, Payment

Supporting State of Michigan Legislation Mandating Tribal Consultation – Director St. Onge

Authorizing Creation of the Health Authority – Director Sorenson

Authorizing Creation of the Health Authority – Chairman Lowes

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Requests – Elder Subcommittee Resignation, Conservation Appointments

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: October 22, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for October 27, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Budgets (CLOSED)

10:30
Kewadin Gaming Authority Workshop (CLOSED)
Long Term Forecast/Multi Year Capital Reinvestment

11:30
Health Report (CLOSED)

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15
Partial Waiver Hearing

1:30
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)
Incl. FY27 Proposed Budgets, Executive Report, etc.

4:00
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting