SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION
JANUARY 6, 2023

The Election Committee of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would like to inform you that a SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION will be held for the currently vacant Unit One Director seat to occur immediately. Below are important dates and information.

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5:00 p.m. ET).

Jan. 20th .....Deadline for voter registration. Last day to receive Letter of Intent for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted. Nomination petitions available.

Jan. 27th .....Nominating petition deadline.

Feb. 1st ..... List of eligible candidates available.

Feb. 6th ..... Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.

Feb. 24th .....Special election ballots mailed to voters.

Mar. 20th .....Special Advisory Election Day.

Mar. 23rd .....Deadline for contest relating to vote count.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

UNIT ONE DIRECTOR

The term for this seat will expire July 9, 2024.

Election Rules: This SPECIAL ADVISORY ELECTION is a special advisory election pursuant to the Subchapter II of the Election Ordinance, as amended. The Election Committee has established the above time lines pursuant to that directive. The conduct of the election will otherwise follow the Election Ordinance.

Voting Procedure: All ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Election Committee by 5:00 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste.

Marie location on **March 20, 2023,** for the special advisory election. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot.

Address Correction Requested: The election will be conducted by mail to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 635-3396 or 1 (800) 251-6597.

Nomination of Candidates: Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in the Election Ordinance is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by **March 20, 2023,** a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the election unit which they seek to represent. Any member who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government; has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud; or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the Tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a letter of intent, background investigation forms, nominating petition, campaigning financing forms, etc. with the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Ordinance. A nominating petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

Finance Reporting: The Election Committee requires candidates **and** others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending. If you plan to spend money on the election, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in criminal prosecution.

Election Contests & Complaints: Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing, addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance.

Election Ordinance & Constitution: This Notice is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. In the event of any discrepancies between this Notice and the Election Ordinance and Constitution, the requirements imposed by the Election Ordinance and Constitution shall control and all other provisions of this Notice shall remain in force. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Election Committee.

Designated Offices: Designated Offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence.

Please note:
Unit 1 designated office shall be the Tribal Court Office, located at the George Nolan Judicial Building.