

**Intergovernmental Accord between the
Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan
and the
Governor of the State of Michigan
to Address the Crucial Issue of Climate Change**

Whereas, the Tribal leaders of the federally recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the state of Michigan recognize the vital importance of the health and quality of the Great Lakes, inland waters, air, geography, ecosystems, plants, and wildlife to the physical, cultural, and economic welfare and future of all of our citizens;

Whereas, climate change poses a grave and immediate threat to the environment, quality of life, and economy for all of our citizens;

Whereas, each of the Tribes and the state of Michigan are individually exploring ways to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, primarily CO₂, which cause global warming;

Whereas, the Tribal leaders and the Governor understand that climate change is not confined to geographic boundaries and that the prevention and mitigation of significant global warming must include changes in social, economic, and governmental activities;

Whereas, combining their expertise and resources will aid the state and tribes to meet their shared commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Tribal Leaders and the Governor affirm their joint commitment to combat global warming through reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and, in furtherance of this goal, agree to designate appropriate representatives of their respective environmental or natural resources programs who shall meet at least twice each year as the Tribal-State Climate Change Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to share information, develop analyses, and propose action plans to address global warming through methods including but not limited to pollution control, alternative clean energy technologies, and conservation. Because effectively addressing global warming is closely linked to the protection of our water resources, the Tribal-State Climate Change Forum may hold its meetings in conjunction with the biannual meetings being held under the Tribal-State water resources accord entered into on May 12, 2004. The Forum shall coordinate its efforts with and review the data and findings of other agencies and work groups in the state working on the problem of global warming.

Entered into this 11th day of June, 2009:

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