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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe takes stand against out-spoken and often offensive Oakland County Executive, L Brooks Patterson. Patterson was quoted in an article on Monday January 20th by the New Yorker Magazine's online publication as saying "I made a prediction a long time ago, and it's come to pass. I said, "What we're gonna do is turn Detroit into an Indian reservation, where we herd all the Indians into the city, build a fence around it, and then throw in the blankets and corn."

An outraged Tribal Chief, Steve Pego expressed concerns over Patterson's comments regarding African American and Native American people along with general statements about the criminal environment in Detroit relative to the black population. Chief Pego stated "We have worked collectively with others to bring about change and an opportunity to be treated with dignity and respect" in a letter sent to other Tribal communities. It is the intention of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to gather support for the efforts being built by Rev. Charles Williams II, Michigan chapter president of the National Action Network to demand an apology from Mr. Patterson and Oakland County officials to take appropriate action against this ignorant hatred. (Please see attached Tribal Chief Letter.)

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