

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

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RESOLUTION 23-097

WHEREAS: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan ("Tribe") is a Federally recognized

Indian Tribe under a Constitution and By-Laws ratified by the Tribe on November 4,

1986 pursuant to P.L. 99-346; and

WHEREAS: This Resolution is adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council ("Tribal Council")

pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(i), (j), (n), and (o) of the Constitution of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: American Indians are victims of domestic violence, homicide, sexual assault, and abuse

at disproportionately higher rates than other groups; and

WHEREAS: the Tribal Council has determined that a Tribal Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness

Day is needed to reaffirm our commitment to combat failures that continue to frustrate the investigation and prosecution of cases of missing and murdered American Indians;

and,

WHEREAS: in response to this epidemic of violence, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

is committed to working with federal, state and tribal governments to help develop policies and procedures needed to prevent and resolve incidents of violence perpetrated

against American Indians; and,

WHEREAS: on this day, we reaffirm our commitment to bringing an end to the "Silent Crisis"

happening amongst American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country

and remaining silent no more.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Tribal Council proclaims May 5th as Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness Day and joins the State of Michigan in its proclamation made on this date that local governments and Tribal communities in the state of Michigan increase awareness of and resources for the crisis of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native peoples through appropriate programs, activities, and funding.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council with a quorum being present during a Special Meeting on the 5th day of May, 2023, by a vote of 7 for 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Theresa Jackson, Tribal Chief

Martha Wemigwans, Tribal Secretary