



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-071

WHEREAS: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe organized under a Constitution and By-Laws ratified by the Tribe on November 4, 1986, pursuant to Pub. L. 99-346; and

WHEREAS: The governing body of the Tribe is the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”); and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 1(e) of the 1986 Constitution provides that Tribal Council shall have authority “[t]o manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.”; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 1(h) of the 1986 Constitution provides that Tribal Council shall have authority “[t]o charter subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations, or to any subordinate boards or officials of the organization, any of the powers enumerated in this section, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated powers.”; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council adopted the Migizi Economic Development Company Charter (“Charter”) for the Migizi Economic Development Company (“Migizi”) by Resolution No. 07-127 on August 8, 2007 and subsequently amended the Charter on November 26, 2014, December 16, 2015, August 7, 2019, and April 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS: Migizi is a governmental subdivision of the Tribe established “[t]o develop, operate and manage economic enterprises on behalf of the Tribe” and “[t]o further economic development on behalf of the Tribe” as provided in Subsection 4.3 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS: Minority certification is advantageous for tribally owned businesses and such certification helps tribally owned businesses be more competitive in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Tribally owned businesses are unique from other minority owned businesses because they are owned by and benefit particular tribes rather than individuals; and

WHEREAS: Minority certification of tribally owned businesses should be done by tribes, tribal citizens, and dependents because they understand tribal businesses and the unique relationship that tribal businesses have with their respective tribes; and

WHEREAS: A group of tribal business people have incorporated the “National Native American Supplier Council,” a Michigan non-profit corporation that serves as the minority certifying body of tribally owned businesses; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of Migizi supports the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council has determined that the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council are important to promote economic diversification within Indian Country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby supports the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded or superseded by further action of the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council with a quorum being present during a Special Meeting on the 31st day of January, 2024, by a vote of 10 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.



Tim J. Davis, Tribal Chief


Jennifer L. Wassegijig, Council Secretary