



**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 5th AS MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AWARENESS DAY IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY
CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION 2026-19

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native peoples, and more specifically American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, have long endured domestic violence, homicide, sexual assault, and abuse at disproportionately higher rates than other groups; and,

WHEREAS, on this Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, we reaffirm our commitment to honor the lives of murdered and missing American Indian and Alaska Native peoples, particularly women and girls, and continue to shine a light on egregious and unconscionable treatment toward and against American Indian and Alaska Native peoples; and,

WHEREAS, this day of observance brings awareness to the staggering number of abducted and murdered Indigenous women and girls where more than four out of five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, including more than half who have experienced sexual violence; and,

WHEREAS, in some areas of the country, Indigenous women are murdered at a rate of ten times the national average and acts of violence are committed against 85% of Indigenous two spirit people; and,

WHEREAS, in response to this epidemic of violence, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners is committed to working with Tribal governments to address the historic traumas experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native peoples, and to develop policies and procedures necessary to allocate resources to reduce, investigate, and resolve incidents of violence perpetrated against American Indian and Alaska Native peoples, and more specifically American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls; and, WHEREAS, the state of Michigan is home to twelve Tribal Nations and more than 100,000 American Indian / Alaskan Natives; and,

WHEREAS, identifying the root causes of the danger to Indigenous peoples is key to identifying solutions. We must address the systemic causes, collect and report data, reduce and eliminate violence, and help Indigenous women and girls heal from violence;

WHEREAS the Attorney General of the State of Michigan has adopted a TIP line to gather information and connect with MMIP victims. This tip line is in addition to the federal and tribal resources that have been put in place, including the tribal community response plans that many of the Michigan 12 tribes have adopted. Individuals with information about missing or murdered Indigenous people in Michigan can now call 517-284-0008 in addition to the other available resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners encourage residents to visit the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Missing and Murdered Indigenous People <https://www.bia.gov/service/mmu>; 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 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners proclaim May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Awareness Day in Chippewa County.

Ayes: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

Nays: None

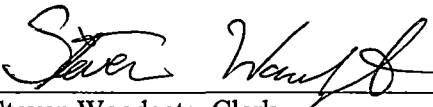
Absent: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Chippewa, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2026, and I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 7th day of May
2026.



Steven Woodgate, Clerk
County of Chippewa