



WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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Catherine Chavers, President
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee
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Ms. Chavers,

At the September 12, 2019 meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee, Resolution 96-19, which addresses the transfer of (MCT) lands located on or near each of our respective reservations, was passed. Resolution 96-19, with an opt out provision, introduced beneficial changes which help our individual bands and membership.

Because this issue has many facets, we believe this matter is one that is best decided by a referendum vote, specifically addressing the lands outside the recognized boundaries of each individual band. We request that this be set for referendum on the April 2020 ballot, with notice of the referendum going out as soon as reasonably possible. This will provide the most amount of due process to our tribal members and will better inform the decisions made by the TEC on this issue.

We are requesting that the request for a referendum vote be placed on the agenda at the next regular TEC meeting for a decision.

Sincerely,

Michael Fairbanks
Chairman

Raymond Auginaush, Sr.
District I Representative

Kathy Goodwin
District II Representative

Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts
District III Representative
Vice Chairman

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