





## The Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Mackinac Bands aka Michillimackinac are the oldest Historical Tribe in Michigan. Signatory to five (5) Treaty's with the United States Government. Mackinac Bands are recognized by the State and Federal Governments in Government to Government relations. The Mackinac formed a Council before 1820 with Napoleon Rapin as head of the Council. This Council is continuous, and the current governing council is the legal successors to those who served before the present-day *COUNCIL*, aka The Governing Council.

Whereas: On September 22,2012, a Sacred Tree was planted establishing our Recognition with the City of St. Ignace and for the Mackinac People of those represented.

Whereas: The Mackinac People have a consistent recorded history and are registered with the Department of the Interior.

Whereas: The Department of the Interior addresses the Mackinac Bands (11-17) of the Chippewa and Ottawa as the COUNCIL, as to the appropriate continuation of time honored process respecting our elders, forebears, heirs and assignees of the 1820-1836-1842-1855- and 1870 Treaty's with consistent authority as so demonstrated by Community Gatherings, and constant contact with the Membership.

Whereas: The legal lineal descendants not registered with another Federally Recognized Tribe are fully UNITED.

Now therefore; let it be known to all by this PRESS RELEASE that the Legal Governing Authority of the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians are listed below:

Lisa Powers-Chairman Penelope Miller – Enrollment Director Aldred Jenerou – Council/Director

Brant Mitchell – Vice-Chairman James Andress Sr. – Council/Director Patricia Wartella – Secretary/Treasurer

Timothy Becker - Council/Director