



**The Grand Traverse Band of
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**

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Certification of Tribal Council Action
Special Session of March 27, 2024

**I hereby certify as the Tribal Council Secretary that the foregoing
Motion was Approved and Adopted at the Special Session of the
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Council**

**PSA for Missing and Murdered indigenous Persons Event on May 3,
2024**

Motion made by Tribal Council Member Napont and Supported by Tribal Council Vice
Chair Kewaygoshkum for approval to publish the PSA for Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Persons event on May 3, 2024.

5-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 1-ABSENT(Frankenberger); 0-ABSTAINING

Motion Carries


Theresa M. Marshall, GTB Tribal Council Secretary

CC: Kathy Tahtinen/Becky Oien

TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

This Original agenda request must have all original materials pertaining to it attached. Agenda

Topic/Title: PSA for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons event on May 3, 2024

Requested/Presented by: Kathy Tahtinen/Becky Oien

If required, all signed documents will be returned to the above individual who is responsible to complete with the appropriate offices at GTB.

Regular Session Special Session Emergency Session
Date: _____ / Date: 03.27.2024 Date: _____

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3-26-24

Placement on Agenda:

Unfinished Business New Business Closed Session

Action Requested:

Approval by Motion Information Only
 Resolution Approval # Other (please specify)

Was a Work Session held for this Agenda Request? (date) _____

Do you have a past resolution: No Yes, (please attach)

Do you have a past motion: No Yes, (please attach)

Rationale/Explanation: (use second sheet as needed for clarification and attach all appropriate materials prior to submission to the Tribal Manager's Office.)

Purpose:

Review of Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) event on May 3, 2024.

Outcome Requested:

Approval to publish PSA for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) event on May 3, 2024

Attached signed legal review form Attached signed CFO review form Legal/CFO review not applicable

Signatures: Jolanda Murphy Date: 3/20/2024

Supervisor _____ Date: _____

Department Manager: Jolanda Murphy Date: 3/20/2024

Please ensure that ALL proper and correct documents are attached prior to obtaining the TM signatures.

Tribal Manager: Becky Oien Date: _____

Signature of TM needed before this Agenda Request can be added to the TC Agenda

Tribal Council Directive Issued:

It is the directive of the Tribal Council that any topics that have not been included on the POSTED agenda must be brought to the attention of the Tribal Council PRIOR to the meeting. This information must be presented in written form. Please note that the agenda is posted one (1) week prior to Regular & Special sessions, and completed agenda items are due at 10:00 a.m. to the Tribal Manager Office 9 days before each session. **Please plan accordingly.**

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GRAND TRAVERSE BAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT REVIEW APPROVAL FORM

Date: 03.16.2024
Presented By: Becky Oien
Department: _____

Resolution Number(s): _____

Document Title(s)/Subject Matter:
PSA: MMIP event May 3, 2024

The above document(s) have been reviewed by the GTB Legal Dept. and are approved for signature &/or further action.

The above document(s) have been reviewed by the GTB Legal Dept. and are NOT approved. Reason: _____

Reviewed by: John Petoskey

John Petoskey March 20, 2024
Signature Date

Please note: Approval of Documents Does NOT Guarantee Approval by Tribal Council Rev: 12-04

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GRAND TRAVERSE BAND CFO GRANT REVIEW APPROVAL FORM (MATCH GRANTS)

Date: 03.16.2024
Presented By: Becky Oien
Department: _____

Grant Number(s): _____

Grant Title(s)/Subject Matter: _____

The above document(s) have been reviewed by the CFO and are approved for signature &/or further action.

Dollar Amount Requested: 0

The above document(s) have been reviewed by the CFO and are NOT approved. Reason: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Signature Date

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ISSUED: March 27, 2024
MEDIA CONTACT: Rebecca Oien, Tribal Manager (231) 534-7136
EVENT DATE: May 3, 2024, 12pm
EVENT LOCATION: Grand Traverse Band Cross Creek 877 Munson Ave Traverse City, MI

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day

May 5th is a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). To remember and raise awareness, on May 3, 2024, the Grand Traverse Band will observe Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Day. This is a day to remember those who have been murdered, and those who are still missing, particularly Native women and children. This day is set aside to recognize and help mitigate the disproportionate level of violence experienced by Native Americans and to bring awareness to the community, and our local, state, and federal partners to reaffirm the need to address this ongoing crisis.

More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native men and women (83 percent) have experienced a form of violence in their lifetime — whether it be physical violence and/or psychological aggression from an intimate partner, sexual violence, or stalking — according to the [National Institute of Justice](#) (NIJ). In addition, [more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women](#) have experienced violence in their lifetime per a NIJ-funded study.

This crisis is not new. Indigenous peoples have faced violence and the tragedy of a missing or murdered loved one for generations. The negative impact of that trauma continues to affect Indigenous communities across the United States today.

Grand Traverse Band recognizes the [Biden Administration for directing Federal agencies to improve public safety and criminal justice](#) for Indigenous peoples. “Native Americans have disproportionately suffered from many forms of violence,” said Hope MacDonald Lone Tree, the deputy commissioner at the Administration for Native Americans. “These public service announcements are crucial for creating awareness of resources for Indigenous peoples who are survivors of violence and will help to protect and heal Indigenous peoples and their communities.”

President Biden’s [Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People \(MMIP\)](#), published on November 15, 2021, acknowledges that “Native Americans face unacceptably high levels of violence, and are victims of violent crime at a rate much higher than the national average.” The president specifically highlights that Native American women are disproportionately the victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

Greater awareness and attention to the crisis and consideration of the root causes of the disproportionate murders and missing persons in the Indigenous communities are needed to confront the issues of economic disparity, substance use, domestic violence, and other violent crimes.

On May 3, 2024, the Grand Traverse Band will host a meaningful memory walk from the Grand Traverse Band Three-Mile location at 845 Business Park Drive to Cross Creek at 877 Munson Ave beginning at 11:20am, followed by ceremonies beginning at 12pm at Cross Creek, in an effort to bring awareness to the Northern Michigan area and work together to build a safer community. Shuttles will also be available between the locations for those not participating in the memory walk.
Public Welcome, Community Welcome, Survivors Welcome.

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3rd Annual

Missing &
Murdered
Indigenous
People

MMIP DAY

OF AWARENESS

An Event to Remember and Raise Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People.

Public Welcome, Community Welcome, Survivors Welcome

GTB Cross Creek - 877 Munson Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686

Shuttles from GTB 3-Mile Office Provided

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, 2024

Starting at 12:00 PM

May 5th is national day of awareness for missing and murdered indigenous people. To promote awareness Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is sponsoring an event on Friday May 3rd that will tell the stories of those community members who have gone missing and the obstacles that the native community has faced historically to prosecute cases and seek justice for the community and their families.

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HONOR WALK

GTB will be hosting a meaningful memory walk from the GTB 3-Mile Office to the GTB Cross Creek Location.

More information to follow at later date

EVENT

PROGRAM



12:00 PM

Prayer & Fire Lighting
Hang Red Garments in Remembrance
Guest Speakers



Drumming & Dancing
Light Food Provided
Community Speakers



Closing Prayer
Putting Fire to Rest

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