

# 2023 TRIBAL COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## Maamowizing Miiniwa Waanichigeng

### *Mission Statement of the Tribal Council:*

We, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, a Sovereign Nation, honor our ancestors and the rights preserved for our Tribal Nation. We shall promote and protect the well-being of our present and future members through culture, sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resources, health, public safety, education, financial management, housing and agriculture, and shall be responsive to the needs and statements of Tribal Members.

### **Naadiziwin CULTURE**

Preserve, Revive and Practice our Anishinaabemowin and Traditions:

- Continue to foster growth and incorporate cultural activities through our daily lives and within all programs.
- Language – Increase Anishinaabemowin (original people’s language) being spoken in the communities and in the work place.
- Catalog History- expand oral/video/written collections at Eyaawing and GTB Heritage Library and share with the public at large.

### **Dedibinezowin SOVEREIGNTY / TREATY RIGHTS**

(Legislation)

Preserve, Strengthen and Assert our Tribal Sovereignty:

- Remain vigilant in holding the federal government accountable to its trust responsibilities.
- Environment - continue advocacy for the protection and well-being of clean air, water, land, wildlife and climate.
- Advocate for Bimaadiziwin (The Good Life) - protection of Natural Resources and the Great Lakes.
- Land use plan/land trust/purchase of our ancestral land.
- Continue communication and increase awareness of government-to-government relationships (Tribal/State/Federal/Local).
- Collaborate and create partnerships with other sovereign nations.
- Review and update Tribal Codes.

### **Ezhi-mko-waabndamewiziying PUBLIC SAFETY and Noojimoowin miiniwa Bimaadizid and Naadimaagewinan HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

To exercise the functions of public safety (law enforcement, conservation, fire department] in a manner consistent with the sovereign authority of the Tribe as established by the Tribal Council.

To provide quality health care services for eligible individuals:

- Establish consistent health care accessibility in the six-county service area.
- Dedicate resources to promote wellness and disease prevention in all areas of health.
- Become our own third-party health administrator.
- Provide human services for eligible Tribal members.

## **Kinoomaadiwin EDUCATION**

Promote lifelong learning:

- Advocate for accurate Historical Reference of Native history.
- Promote outreach to ensure and foster full participation.
- 100% Graduation Rate of all Tribal Members.
- Develop Tribal Leadership programs.
- Promote educational opportunities.
- Mentor Career/Education development.

Early Childhood Development:

- Increase programming and service opportunities for childcare.
- Strengthen the Head Start/Early Head Start Program.

K – 12:

- Enhance in-school support to ensure student success.
- Promote attendance and participation.

Adult/Higher Education:

- Promote and explore Adult Education programs.
- Provide opportunities for career development – vocational, career tech, college and/or university education.

## **Zhoonya ezhi minjaangaadeg FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Committed to overall efficient and effective financial and fiduciary management:

- Ongoing evaluation of the banking institutions and investments.
- Provide financial information consistent with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.
- Program efficiency analysis and reduction of duplication.
- Continued oversight of government and economic entities of the Tribe.
- Review and update all existing policies.
- Ensure timeliness and quality services are provided.

## **Endaang Emiikigig HOUSING**

Create affordable, quality housing for members of the Grand Traverse Band in the six-county service area:

- Promote home ownership through all available program funding.
- Independent Elder housing.
- Research supportive housing and infrastructure opportunities for future planning and development.

## **Kina Kitigaan AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture provides technical assistance and education to tribal members:

- Advances agriculture through education and partnership.
- Increases opportunities for agriculture enterprises.
- Acts as the liaison between tribal members and farm markets, state and local programs.
- Educates with science-based programs and evidence-based practices.
- Fosters youth, family and community agricultural development.