



## The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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Dear Tribal Member,

This letter is to inform you that on December 21, 2020, the GTB Tribal Council passed Resolution #20-38.3307, which is the GTB Emergency COVID-19 CARES Act Food Assistance General Welfare Benefits Tribal Members Program. This implements certain provisions of the CARES Act, consistent with the General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 and applicable tribal law. Pursuant to this Resolution, you will be receiving a Walmart charge card in the amount of \$250.00 that can only be used for the purchase of food items at Walmart. The amount of the charge card is not reportable income under the General Welfare Exclusion Act. We anticipate sending the charge card out on or before December 31, or shortly thereafter, to your last address on file with the membership office

Because of the surging, continuing COVID-19 pandemic, and the necessity to social distance, various stay at-home orders, and the potential for required quarantining by an exposure to an infected person, the Council has concluded that a food charge card would benefit all tribal members. Regardless of physical location, all are subject to the perils of the pandemic, and therefore, a food charge card negotiable at Walmart will substantially assist tribal members in meeting their food requirements while maintaining their isolation and safety at home. This specific vendor charge card will also enable the Tribe to obtain receipts of purchase which are necessary for accounting and compliance with the CARES Act. The receipts of purchase will not specifically identify a tribal member by name; the receipts are anonymous.

The Walmart charge card can only be used to purchase food. If you need further information about this tribal General Welfare benefit program, please review the instructions on the Tribal website <http://gtbindians.org> or call Christina Loucks at 231-534-7131 for further information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David M. Arroyo  
Chairman  
on behalf of the Tribal Council

cc: Tribal Council