

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University

Committed to Honor, Dignity, and Respect

WHEREAS, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is based in Isabella County, Michigan, and, as a descendant tribe of three proud bands of Chippewa who were the predominant inhabitants of this area of Michigan when the first European settlers arrived several hundred years ago, is rich in the culture, heritage, and wisdom that are fundamental to the foundation and history of this region and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Central Michigan University is based in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and, since its founding in 1892 as a small college committed to training teachers and business professionals, has evolved into a significant university with emerging national stature, exceptional resources, and a broad range of more than 170 academic programs; and

WHEREAS, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University significantly contribute to mid-Michigan's cultural diversity, educational advancement, economic livelihood, and community betterment; and

WHEREAS, The tribe and the university have a strong historic and cooperative relationship that complements each entity's goals and encourages collaborative efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life of citizens of the region, including pursuing a joint venture to host in Mount Pleasant an international conference to explore initiatives to integrate indigenous ways of knowing into higher education; and

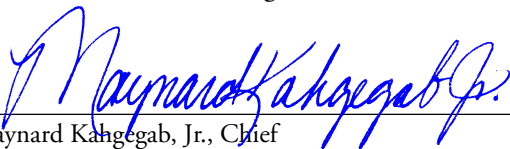
WHEREAS, This mutual relationship is evident in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council continuing its support of Central Michigan University's "Chippewas" nickname, which the university uses as a sign of pride, honor, and respect for the tribe's rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, Through its organizations and programs, including the Native American Programs office, the Native American Gallery in the Museum of Culture and Natural History, and the annual Powwow, Central Michigan University continues to educate the campus and area communities about the culture, wisdom, and history of indigenous peoples; and

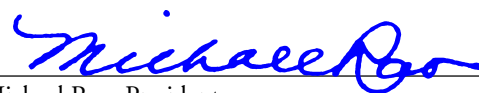
WHEREAS, The tribe and university jointly promote educational assistance and opportunities for Native American students at the primary, secondary, and collegiate levels, including implementing a pilot Native American middle school mentoring program, signing an articulation agreement between the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and CMU, and increasing scholarship opportunities for Native American students at CMU; now, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University continue to strengthen their cogent relationship for the enhancement of each other's goals and visions and for the greater good of all residents of the region, state, and nation.

Dated this 25th day of June 2002
at Mount Pleasant, Michigan



Maynard Kahgegab, Jr., Chief
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe



Michael Rao, President
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