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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tribal Executive Committee Members

FROM: Gary S. Frazer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2018 Election Dates

A reminder that the next Regular scheduled General Election is set for Tuesday, June 12, 2018. This will put the Primary date for Tuesday, April 3, 2018, which is ten (10) weeks prior to the General Election.

According to the Election Ordinance (as amended 11/9/2015) a candidate must reside on the reservation of his/her candidacy for at least the twelve months period immediately preceding the date established for the Primary Election.

The date for a candidate to meet this requirement is Monday, April 3, 2017. Please have this memo posted on your reservations as a reminder to candidates considering filing for office in 2018.

Thank you for your assistance.

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MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
ELECTION ORDINANCE

As Amended to November 9, 2015

CHAPTER I: CANDIDATES AND VOTING

Section 1.1

Primary Elections.

1.1(A). In the event only two candidates are certified for an office, there will be no Primary Election for that position. If more than two persons are certified under this Ordinance as candidates for any one office in either a Regular or Special Election, there must be a Primary Election ("Primary") prior to the Regular or Special Election. The General Reservation Election Board will certify the two candidates with the most votes in the Primary for the office at issue as the only candidates in the Regular or Special Election. The candidate with the most votes in the Regular or Special Election will be the winning candidate and will be entitled to assume the duties of office.

1.1(B). The purpose of Primaries will be to determine two candidates for the Regular or Special Election, unless a candidate receives more than one-half (1/2) of the votes counted for that position in the Primary Election in which case that candidate will be the winning candidate. If two candidates tie with the greatest number of votes in a Primary Election, they will advance as the only two candidates in the Regular or Special Election. If two candidates tie with the second greatest number of votes in a Primary, the General Reservation Election Board will conduct a Recount within 24 hours. If the Recount results in a tie, the candidate advancing to the General or Special election (as contestant with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes) will be determined by lot. The General Reservation Election Board will draw the lots within twenty four (24) hours after the Recount in a forum accessible to Reservation voters.

Section 1.2

Elections: Scheduling and Announcements.

1.2(A).

Regular Elections.

1.2(A)(1). The Tribal Executive Committee will set the second Tuesday in June of even numbered years for Regular Elections.

1.2(A)(2). The Tribal Executive Committee will set the tenth Tuesday prior to the Regular Election date as the date for Primary Elections, if a Primary is required under this Ordinance.

scheduled Primary Election, the Band governing body may appoint a person who is qualified to serve under Section 1.3 to fill the vacancy, or leave the vacancy unfilled until the next scheduled Primary Election.

1.2(B)(4). Whenever a Special Election is called the Band governing body shall, within ten (10) days after the date the vacancy occurs, prepare an Election Announcement and Election Calendar and post it at locations designated by it.

1.2(C). "Run-Off" Elections

In case of a tie vote in a Regular or Special Election the General Reservation Election Board will perform a Recount within 24 hours. If the Recount results in a tie, a "Run-Off" election will be held within sixty (60) days following the deadline for determining contests and appeals of such elections.

Section 1.3. Candidates for Office.

1.3(A). Eligibility.

A candidate for office must: (1) be an enrolled member of the Tribe; (2) be enrolled with the Reservation of his/her candidacy; (3) reside on the Reservation of his/her candidacy and enrollment; and (4) meet the requirements of Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution, as set forth in Section 1.3(D). A candidate for Committeeperson to represent a district established pursuant to Section 1.4(A), below, must reside in the district of his/her candidacy and enrollment. Requirements (1), (2) and (3) must be met for at least the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date established for the Primary election. No member of the Tribe will be eligible to hold office, either as a Committeeperson or Officer, unless he or she will reach his/her twenty-first (21st) birthday on or before the date of the Primary or Special Election. A candidate may file for only one (1) position.

1.3(B). Reservation Definition.

A Reservation is defined as all lands within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. A Band governing body, by official action, may define "reservation" to include specified lands outside the boundaries of the reservation, as may be defined by treaty, statute, executive order, or other document considered sufficient authority by the Band governing body, including all lands considered Indian Country under the governmental authority of that Reservation.