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**MODEL #2**

**REVOKE THE IRA REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE.**

**REPLACE THEM WITH:**

* **The ALLIANCE DOCUMENT IS THE UMBRELLA DOCUMENT**
* **SIX LOCAL CONSTITUTIONS**

**FYI-A FEW WORDS DEFINED IN THE GLOSSARY:**

* **MAZINA'IGAN** Paper or Document
* **ALLIANCE** Our people, since time immemorial, have always entered into alliances. Even down to the simplest act of our creation, we are an alliance. Even in our acts as human beings, our marriages are alliances. Our Alliance of our

families to our clans, our Alliance of our communities, to our bands. The

Alliance of our bands into our tribes and our nation. It's all based on getting

along with our common interests. An alliance is nothing more than a treaty or an agreement that says this is how you will behave toward me. And these are the things I can expect of you. The Alliance document is intended to show what we have in common and must defend together, our responsibility towards each other, and creation itself. Alliances are relationships, and relationships are about people.

* **Maamawiino:**  We are all together!
* **Maamawiino Anishinaabeg**: means we are all Anishinaabeg together!
* **IZHITAAWIN:** customs, practices, "the way we do things."

**THE UMBRELLA DOCUMENT:**

**MAZINA'IGAN**

**ALLIANCE MAAMAWIINO ANISHINAABEG NATION (AKA Chippewa)**

* **PREAMBLE**
* **ORIGIN**
* **MINO BIMAADIZIWIN (LIVING THE GOOD LIFE)**
* **IZHITWAAWIN I-PURPOSE**
* **IZHITWAAWIN II-PARTIES TO THE ALLIANCE**
* **IZHITWAAWIN III-INCLUSION**
* **IZHITWAAWIN IV- DECLARATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS**
* **IZHITWAAWIN V- SELF-DETERMINATION**
* **IZHITWAAWIN VI- EXTERNAL GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS**
* **IZHITWAAWIN VII- CULTURE**
* **IZHITWAAWIN VIII- EDUCATION**
* **IZHITWAAWIN IX- RIGHTS OF CITIZENS**
* **ZHITWAAWIN X- RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**
* **IZHITWAAWIN XI- TREATY AND RESERVED RIGHTS**
* **IZHITWAAWIN XII- RIGHTS OF NATURE**
* **IZHITWAAWIN XIV- AMENDMENTS**

**GOVERNING STRUCTURE:**

**Six Non-IRA Local Constitutions.**

1. Each Nation/Tribe/Band will determine the Articles of their constitution.
2. Each Nation/Tribe/Band will decide on its governing structure.

* Sample governing structures are outlined in the Chart of Local Constitution.

1. Each Nation/Tribe/Band will determine its business structure.

* Sample Business Structures
* Reservation Business Committee
* Charter/Corporations
* Federal Law -IRA Section 17 under the authority of 25 U.S.C. § 5124
* State Chartered Tribal Corporation under State law
* Tribal Chartered Corporations under tribal code or resolution
* Limited liability company (LLC)
* Joint venture entities (A Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), A General Partnership ("GP"), Limited Partnership ("LP"), A Corporation).
* Other business and commercial activities

***Reference: Tribal Business Structure Handbook, Office of Energy Economic Development, Atkinson, K., Tribal Strategies, Inc: Nilles, K. Holland & Knight LLP; Tribal Self-Goverance Project of the Tulalip Tribes sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary- Indian Affairs, 2008***.

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBAL ORGANIZATION**

* **Known as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. It will manage funding and service. It will have no governing responsibilities. The Grand Council??\_\_\_\_\_ comprised of\_\_\_\_\_ members from each of the Nations/Tribes/Bands, will have oversight of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Organization (MCTO) and the role of liaison between the MCTO and the Nations/Tribes/Bands.**

**Use the attached chart “Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (Organization)” as a worksheet to determine which functions will stay with MCTO and which the Nations/Tribes/Bands will assume.**