



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Candidate Statement

Name: **Fred R Harrington Jr.**

Aanii, my name is Gitchikun (Fred Harrington Jr.). My mom and dad were Fred and Alice Harrington, grandparents were Jay and Louise Harrington. I am Migizii Dodem and an eight-year veteran of the US Navy Submarine Service. I am a full time professor of Information Technologies at North Central Michigan College where I teach computer networking. My wife Julie and I have one daughter, Paamse Migizii Kwe (Maria Sargent), her and husband Rob Sargent have one son, Begizo, my little partner. It was my greatest personal honor and privilege to serve you the last time I was on Council.

Among the reasons influencing my decision to run for Tribal Council again:

- I am committed to saving our language and promoting our culture.
- During my last 8 years on Council I voted consistently in favor of Indian Preference. Why? Our economy; every job that requires a degree means an extra \$1,000,000 for that worker. Every job that requires a HS diploma means an extra \$250,000 for that worker. Giving those jobs away to non-Tribal employees permanently removes that money from our economy. It was my plan that minimized this loss by limiting non-Tribal employees to short term contracts. Our jobs provide dignity, health care, and retirement. I believe the best person for a Tribal job is a Tribal Member.
- Why did I vote against the new casino? Had we stayed with a smaller plan we'd be 10's of millions ahead of where we are now. We need to be very careful if looking at another class 3 casino that will increase our State payments.
- It was my plan to stop paying the State 8% when Michigan authorized Keno across the entire State. That plan saved us millions in slot revenue. We need to protect that revenue gain.
- I wrote an Employee Rights Act but never got enough support to pass it. This important legislation ensures our work force is treated fairly. Fair treatment of our employees leads to a workforce committed to the success of our business enterprises and governmental programs. I will push for this legislation.
- Among the laws I've written, I'm proudest of the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act. The Act provides college scholarships helping our students obtain the skills we need to succeed in the future.
- I wrote the public documents act and have a plan to expand it.

With the adoption of the new Constitution the primary purpose of the Council is legislation. I have written many laws in the past and I have a legislative agenda.

- If elected I will work to implement new laws which will promote; language, culture, education, Elders support, tradition in our government, support for Tribal entrepreneurs, and protection of Tribal jobs for Tribal Members.
- I will work to enact laws that will prevent taxation of Tribal Members without their consent through referendum.
- I will work for a law to shed light on Tribal Council spending.
- I will work to enact a law protecting water as a citizen's right to free clean water.
- How do I vote? I'm a Tribalist, if a law does something to our people, I vote against it. If a law does something for our people, I vote for it. I vote in favor of Tribal Citizens. I am ready for this work.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

I build jiimaans and give rides, I make paddles and drums for our children, I help people make their pipes

EDUCATION

Lawrence Technological University, Masters in Business Administration
Bay Mills Community College, Diploma Anishnaabemowin Instructor's Institute
Michigan State University, Master of Arts Educational Technology and Instructional Design
Bay Mills Community College, Certificate of Management
Mich. State University, Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering
North Central Michigan College, Associate of Science

I'm a staunch advocate of Treaty hunting and fishing rights.

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