

**Intergovernmental Accord  
between the  
Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in  
Michigan  
and the  
Governor of the State of Michigan  
to  
Expand Joint Economic Development Activities**

Entered into on May 30, 2006  
Wilson, Michigan

**Whereas**, the Tribal Leaders of the federally recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the state of Michigan recognize that the health and diversity of our shared economy directly impacts the health, welfare, and future of all our citizens;

**Whereas**, the Tribal Leaders and the Governor share the goal of fostering a strong and diverse economy that provides a myriad of economic and job opportunities to their respective citizens;

**Whereas**, state and tribal governments have separately developed and offered programs to promote economic development including research, marketing, improved education programs, and government incentives and grants;

**Whereas**, better coordination of these state and tribal economic development programs and incentives will enhance future economic development and jobs creation in both the public and private sectors and may attract businesses and jobs to Michigan that might otherwise locate elsewhere;

**Whereas**, on May 13, 2005 the Tribal Leaders and the Governor entered into an Intergovernmental Accord affirming their commitment to expand our joint economic base and agreed to designate representatives to meet at least twice each year to improve the coordination and utilization of economic development programs and resources by state, local, and tribal government officials;

**Whereas**, the Tribal Leaders and the Governor have concluded that it is the public interest to significantly expand upon this commitment;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the undersigned Tribal Leaders and the Governor affirm their joint commitment to expand our joint economic base through the development of diverse economic opportunities, enterprises, and jobs, and to improve coordination of their respective economic development programs and resources among state, local, and tribal government officials. In furtherance of these goals, the undersigned Tribal Leaders and the Governor agree to designate appropriate representatives of their respective economic development programs who shall meet monthly as the Tribal-State Economic Forum. The purpose of the Forum shall be to:

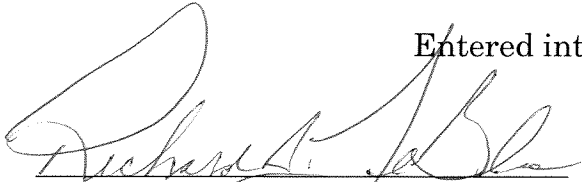
1. Encourage the development of strong working relationships between tribal and state economic development personnel;
2. Provide a mechanism for tribal and state economic development personnel to regularly exchange information and ideas about their respective economic development tools and programs; and
3. Discuss and develop new and creative ways to encourage joint economic development activities that will benefit tribal and neighboring communities and the state as a whole.

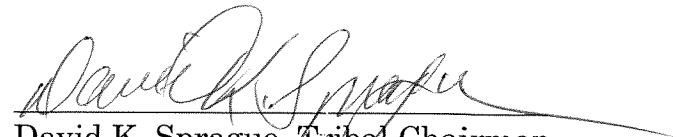
The Tribal Leaders and the Governor further charge the Economic Forum with the following specific tasks:

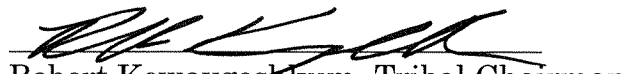
1. Organize an annual conference or training seminar for state, local, and tribal economic development personnel to provide training on specific tribal, state, and federal economic development tools and resources;
2. Evaluate the feasibility of establishing an economic development fellows program to cross-train and improve networking among state, local, and tribal economic development personnel and private sector entities; and
3. Target the creation of 1,000 new jobs over the next five years as the result of these efforts.

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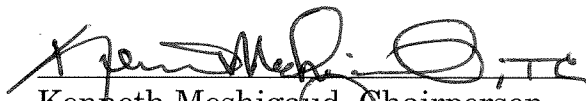
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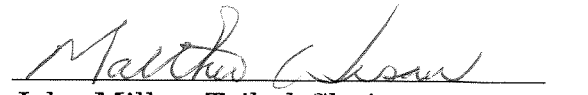
  
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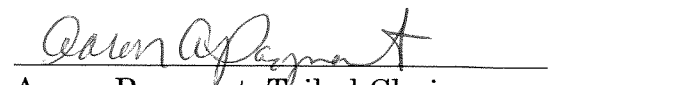
  
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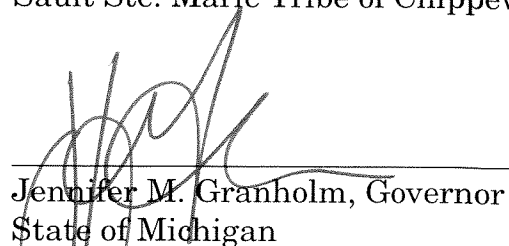
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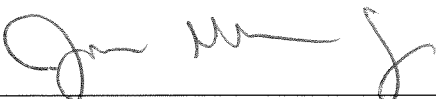
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