

PUBLIC NOTICE (June, 2026)

The Tribe is proposing revisions to Tribal Governance, Title 50, to authorize Probation Officers to carry a sidearm in the performance of their duties if they meet certain requirements. When a probation agent is in the field there may arise safety concerns for the public that may be diffused with a show of force. In order that the appropriately trained probation officer can act to protect the public and him or herself this revision is proposed.

The Tribe is placing the proposed Tribal Code amendments to Title 50 in their entirety, out for a thirty (30) day comment period.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for review on the Tribal Records Dept Facebook page, on the website at: www.tmchippewa.com, or can be obtained in writing by request. Written comments can be made in the comment section at <https://tmchippewa.com/tribal-records/> and can also be submitted by mail to PO Box 900, Belcourt, ND 58316 or by fax at 477-0916. Please

contact the Tribal Records Dept at 477-2602 if there are any questions.


RESOLUTION NUMBER TMBC1265-05-26 OF THE DULY ELECTED AND CERTIFIED GOVERNING BODY OF THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA

- WHEREAS, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, hereinafter referred to as the Tribe, is an unincorporated Band of Indians acting under a revised Constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 16, 1959, and amendments thereto approved; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX (a) Section 1 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and Bylaws empowers the Tribal Council with the authority to represent the Band and to negotiate with the Federal, State and local governments and with private persons; and
- WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 2 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and Bylaws allow for amendment of the Constitution by a petition of twenty percent of the qualified voters or by the affirmative vote of five of the Tribal Council members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council proposes the adoption of revisions to be added to Title 50 Government Organizations of the TMTC; and
- WHEREAS, the revisions authorize Tribal Probation Officers to carry a sidearm in the performance of their duties if they meet certain requirements; and
- WHEREAS, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Council is proposing the revisions to Title 50 go out for a 30-day public comment period; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribe is placing the following proposed attached revisions to Title 50 Government Organizations out for a 30-day public comment period.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Tribal Secretary of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of *nine (9) members* of whom *seven (7)* constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held on the *26th day of May, 2026* that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of *six (6) in favor* – Representatives Craig Lunday, Blaine “Slugger” Davis, Jon Jon Keplin, Ron Trottier Sr., Lynn Gourneau, Elmer Davis Jr. and Chad Counts; none (0) opposed; with the Tribal Chairman not voting.


Jolean A. Morin, Tribal Secretary
6/17/26

SIGNED INTO LAW/Dated this 17th day of June, 2026
 VETOED/Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026


Jamie Azure, Tribal Chairman

To be added to Title 50.05

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Subparagraph (c) - Under *TMTC 5.05.010 Appointment of Probation Officers*, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI) Probation Officers possess all the power and authority of Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs police officers in performing any duties, which may be incident to the performance of their probationary duties.

Subparagraph (d) - TMBCI Probation Officers who meet the requirements under *TMTC 50.06.100 Training and Education Requirements* and the requirements under *TMTC 50.06.150 Firearms* will be authorized to carry a firearm while in the performance of their probationary duties.

Subparagraph (e) - TMBCI Probation Officers who are authorized to carry a firearm will follow and comply with the duties and responsibilities of tribal police officers stated in *TMTC 50.06 Division of Law Enforcement-the Law Enforcement Act of 2017*. Failure to follow and comply with *TMTC 50.06* will result in the loss of authority to carry a firearm while in the performance of probationary duties.