

# *United Tribes of Michigan*

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## **RESOLUTION # 032 2-26-2014**

### *United Tribes of Michigan Support for Colleges and Universities* *Full Funding of MITW Initiative*

**WHEREAS**, the membership of United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) is open to all of the twelve federally recognized tribes located in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization provides a forum for the Tribes in Michigan to address issues of common concern and is committed to joining forces to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Indian Tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations; and

**WHEREAS**, UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of Native Americans; and

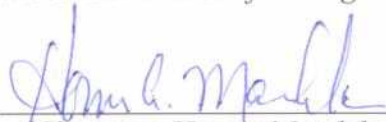
**WHEREAS**, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Initiative (MITW) is appropriated through the Michigan Legislature and implemented through the Michigan Colleges and Universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative has been under funded for the Colleges and Universities that have the highest participation in educating our students; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been established that MITW initiative has been the most successful means of providing the opportunity to prepare Michigan's first citizens for a better quality of life for their families and communities,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the federally recognized Tribes of Michigan strongly support the Colleges and Universities of Michigan in their efforts to fully fund this initiative as determined by the Michigan Legislature.

*Adopted by a vote of   6   in favor,   0   against,   0   abstaining, at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held on February 26, 2014, in Lansing, MI.*

  
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*Chairman Homer Mandoka*  
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