



Aanii my fellow LTBB Tribal Citizens,

Tamara Kiogima ndizhinikaaz (my name is Tamara Kiogima). Odawa kwe ndaaw (I am an Odawa woman). Mkwandodem (I am bear clan). I am humbly asking for your support to re-elect me to serve you in the capacity of Tribal Council.

In 2019, I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Community Development. I was accepted into Michigan State University to pursue my Master's Degree in Youth Development. I am interested in learning more about historical trauma, intergenerational trauma, and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). I am no stranger to adversity. I have overcome many obstacles in my life, and I want to help others do the same.

In our Anishinaabe culture, our youth, woman and elders are sacred. The youth are the future of the Tribe, and they are vital to the existence of our Tribe. They are the ones that will carry on our language, culture and traditions. The youth of our Tribe are suffering, and it is time to acknowledge it. They are dying by suicide, overdose, substance abuse, and murder. It is time to acknowledge the trauma that we, as Anishinaabe, have been through so we can stop passing these traumas down to the next generations. Our culture is prevention, and our culture is healing. Let us come together, put our differences aside, and promote the healing of our Tribe for our future generations.

If you were to re-elect me to Tribal Council, I would like to:

- help the Executive Department plan a Youth Wellness Center on the Odawa Circle. A place where our tribal youth, tribal citizens and tribal elders can come together to learn, to heal, and to gather.
- continue supporting the farm in its efforts of food sovereignty.
- continue pursuing non-gaming economic diversity.
- assist the youth in finding their place in our community.
- promote the learning of our culture, language and traditions.

I would like to say Chi-miigwech to the ancestors who risked their lives to help preserve our language, culture and traditions. I would like to acknowledge the ancestors who perished and those who suffered during the time of Indian Boarding Schools, I hope you find peace. Chi-miigwech to those who helped our Tribe receive its reaffirmation. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have received thus far, in my life. I hope you give me the opportunity to serve you, the Tribal Citizens, again for another four years.

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Tamara Kiogima