

MENOMINEE TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

GUIDING VISIONS

VISION:

The Menominee are a strong, healthy, educated, and proud nation, drawing strength from our ancestral lands and embracing our unique cultural heritage. We are self-sustaining through the perpetuation of the fundamental principles in our guiding visions:

Social: The Menominee people and culture are the most valuable resource. We will provide avenues for improving better health, education, recreation, culture, and economic systems conducive to increasing the overall standard of living. We therefore envisions a healthy society in which all fundamental needs such as food, shelter, safety, and security are met, and each individual is valued as an integral part of the community.

Natural Resources: The Menominee people enjoy an environment as pristine as our ancestors'. Therefore, in accordance with ancestral responsibility, natural and inherent rights, its constitution and by-laws as well as treaties, we will conserve and protect, including but not limited to the land, minerals, air, water, wildlife, forest resources, and surface and subsurface rights. We will develop and execute a comprehensive natural resource plan for land and resources within the ancestral territory. In addition, we will develop and enforce environmental quality standards consistent with Menominee values.

Culture: The Menominee culture defined our past, permeates our present, and guides our future. To assure continuity and the unique identity of the Menominee people, we will revive, revitalize, and infuse Menominee language and culture in all aspects of community life. We will continue to support and strengthen the Cultural Resource Management Plan and the Language and Culture Code.

Education: The quality of our future depends upon the wisdom of our elders, formal education, and life-long learning. We will assure that there are sufficient human, financial, and physical resources to support quality education for Menominee members.

Health: Our growth as a strong nation is dependent upon healthy members. We will strive to ensure that every Menominee has access to affordable health coverage and the opportunity for quality comprehensive healthcare. We will provide sufficient resources to assure wellness and healthy lifestyles to enhance and improve the overall quality of life and well-being.

Law Enforcement: The Menominee recognize law enforcement as an integral part of our nation in providing for the safety and protection of the people, land, and resources. We will support law enforcement through assuring that financial resources are available to maintain law and order as well as high professional standards.

Judiciary: An independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to providing justice to the Menominee Nation. Notwithstanding the separation of powers, we are dedicated to maintaining a relationship of mutual respect with the judiciary for the common good of the Menominee Nation.

Jurisdiction & Sovereignty: The Menominee defend and assert our unique jurisdiction and sovereignty. We will be vigilant and proactive in protecting the sovereign rights of the Menominee nation. To ensure that justice prevails, we enact definitive laws that uphold and enhance our jurisdictional authority.