



**Pride of the Ojibwe**

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NOTICE TO LCO TRIBAL MEMBERS

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As our Tribal Members are aware, the new President has signed multiple Executive Orders (EO) that will affect many individuals and entities including Tribal Governments. The most recent EO places a pause in federal funding which will directly affect many of our tribal programs. These are uncertain times, and as this EO takes effect tonight at 5pm eastern time, we do not know the extent of the impact yet.

In the meantime, here is what we can do to best serve our Tribe, our programs, and the individuals we serve: please stay calm. We have been through difficult and uncertain times before and we will get through this challenging time as a community. Make sure to fact-check and please do not spread misinformation.

The Governing Board is working diligently with our finance and grant staff, and we are in contact with BIA, State, Federal, and Inter-Tribal organizations to obtain information moving forward. We are committed to keeping our operations running while also addressing these new challenges.

We inquired about BIA funding and the BIA responded, "that they were instructed to pause in accordance to the Executive Order". The BIA Regional Office has a Budget Formulation meeting scheduled the first week in February and they're hoping to have more information for Tribes at that time.

In the meantime, the Governing Board is looking at how funding cuts will affect our programs, services to our Members, and our overall well-being. Thankfully, we have businesses that can sustain us for a while and it's important that we reserve our finances for future contingencies. During these challenging times, it is time for us to look out for one another, help each other out, and do whatever we can to make our lives, and our Reservation self-sustaining and self-sufficient. Our leadership will be looking at our finances and the budget to be prepared for whatever comes our way.

We're Ojibwe; we're resilient. Our Ancestors fought for survival, and we will survive this current time period too. We are a strong Tribe; we will get through this together. As more information becomes available, the Governing Board will share information with you, our Tribal Members.