



Joint Proclamation

No. 2022-04

Protecting Water

WHEREAS, Bayfield County and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Gaa-Miskwaabikaang, are surrounded by abundant clean water; *and*,

WHEREAS, clean water is essential to life, health, and the wellbeing of families, ecosystems across our communities, and lands; *and*,

WHEREAS, clean water is the foundation of a vibrant community, economy and high quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Wisconsin holds all navigable waters in public trust for use by all; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Cliff Tribe is a fishing tribe with treaty rights in Lake Superior; and,

WHEREAS, Red Cliff and Bayfield County both retain the authority to exercise water stewardship responsibilities; *and*,

WHEREAS, wetland ecosystems are places where medicines grow and are harvested, a place where Ojibwe go to exercise their treaty rights; *and*,

WHEREAS, Red Cliff and Bayfield County are protectors of water, treaty rights, and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County and Red Cliff Tribe are in unison in addressing threats to surface and groundwaters that impact the health, wellbeing, and future of our communities; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County and Red Cliff cooperate with each other on many levels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors and the Red Cliff Tribal Council will work collaboratively in defense and protection of all the waters; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this joint Proclamation will be the first of many bringing Bayfield County Wisconsin and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa together regarding the protection of our communities and the waters surrounding our communities

By Action of the:

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, County Board Chairman

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Christopher D. Boyd, Tribal Chairman

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss
COUNTY OF RAYFIELD)

COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Proclamation No. 2022-04 Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the Sthagy of June 2022.

Lynn M. Divine. Bayfield County Clerk