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Hon. Timothy P. Connors
Presiding Judge
Washtenaw County Peacemaking Court

Dear Judge Connors:

I would like to invite you to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative (“IPI”), a project of the Native American Rights Fund. The Advisory Committee members guide and inform the Initiative in execution of its mission. The mission is to support efforts of tribes and their allies to utilize traditional native methods of dispute resolution whenever those methods might afford desirable outcomes. Advisory Committee members are all leaders in peacemaking development and/or implementation from various regions and sectors across the United States.

The current Advisory Committee and I agree that your expertise and leadership in the areas of peacemaking implementation in state courts, advocacy concerning beneficial uses of peacemaking on a national basis, and implementation that honors but does not expropriate inappropriately from local tribal cultures, would be a great addition to our guiding team.

The Native American Rights Fund is the oldest and largest nonprofit law firm dedicated to asserting and defending the rights of Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide. The IPI has been a project of NARF since 1992, and NARF has recently redoubled its efforts in the area to make sure the project grows and serves the preservation of Tribal existence and the development of Indian law.



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