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**Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi
Authorizes Mutual Law Enforcement Agreement with the
Calhoun County Sheriff's Office**

(Fulton, Mich.) The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council authorized an agreement for cross-deputization between the NHBP Tribal Police and the Calhoun County Sheriff's office. This agreement will authorize responding law enforcement personnel the legal jurisdiction to take action as the situation warrants. Prior to this agreement, there was a legal question of who had enforcement powers; this agreement eliminates the question.

"Our community has been made safer though this cross-deputization agreement, which allows the Tribal Police to provide police service to all of our residents," commented Chief Sprague. "My thanks go to Sheriff Saxton for the vision that he has shown and we look forward to a positive relationship with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office."

Immediately after the passage of the agreement, Sheriff Matt Saxton and NHBP Tribal Police Chief, Duane Sprague, administered the oath to the counter-personnel, which validated the cross-deputization authority.

"The Reservation is a part of Calhoun County and I know the Tribal Police Department has been moving for this agreement for quite some time," commented Sheriff Sexton. "We look forward to working together for many years to come to protect and serve all the members of Calhoun County."

This agreement is applicable to all Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi land, including the Pine Creek Reservation in Fulton, Mich. and FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, Mich., effective immediately and is open-ended.

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[About The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi](#)

There are more than 1,200 Tribal Members. The Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi's primary Indian Health and Bureau of Indians Affairs Service Area covers Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent and Ottawa counties. The Tribe's administrative office is located at the Pine Creek Reservation in Athens Township with a satellite office in Grand Rapids, Mich. to better serve Members. For more information visit: www.nhbpi.com.