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NHBP Mourns the Loss of Tribal Council Secretary Christine Lanning

It is with profound sadness that we announce that Christine Lanning, Tribal Council Secretary for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, passed away unexpectedly on March 28. Christine was devoted to her family first, but also devoted to her Tribe and to the employees of both the Tribal government and FireKeepers Casino Hotel, all of whom she regarded as family. Christine genuinely cared about people. Her deep affection and appreciation was evident in her genuine smile and her famous hugs.

Christine served as Tribal Council Treasurer from 2013 until her appointment as Secretary in May 2016. As a member of the elected Tribal Council, she served as chairperson for both the Culture Committee and the Elders Committee. She also served on the Michigan Community Service Commission following her appointment by Governor Rick Snyder in 2015.

Christine had a special passion for her work to prevent domestic violence and to support and care for its survivors. She was a member of the board of directors for S.A.F.E Place women's shelter, for which she was a tireless fundraiser and frequent volunteer. During Christine's tenure on Tribal Council, she supported the implementation of NHBP's Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction and Domestic Violence Code. Her efforts enabled survivors to find safety and live their lives free of abuse.

In Bodéwadmi (Potawatomi) culture, we often use the phrase "walked on" to describe a person's journey from this life into the next. We are grateful for the way Christine walked during this life and how she used her gifts to make others' walk a little easier.

The thoughts and prayers of the NHBP nation are with her family and friends at this difficult time.

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About The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

There are nearly 1,400 Tribal Members. NHBP's primary Indian Health and Bureau of Indians Affairs Service Area covers members in Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent and Ottawa counties. The Tribe's administrative office is located at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Athens Township, with a satellite office in Grand Rapids, Mich. to better serve Members. For more information visit: www.nhbpi.com