



Cake donated by Amy Wright, 17<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since the first filing.

# MACKINAC BANDS OF CHIPPEWA AND OTTAWA

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On December 22, 2015, The Department of Interior filed a motion for a short continuance of the Oral Argument in this case. The Mackinac

did not oppose this. After a Motion was filed we have a court date of April 7, 2016.

We are in need of financial help from the people to be able to continue the effort. We are copying documents that will be needed by the Attorneys. Travel and Lodging to be able to make the trip to Washington. We know that we have asked the Membership before to contribute funds but we also said at that time that it was basically round one and we knew we might have to go back again.

There are other tribes that do not want us to receive formal Recognition and although we are not being negative to those that do not want us to endeavor, they still try behind closed door meetings to try and stop the Mackinac People.

It has been a 43-year-old fight. First to stop the Saulte Tribe from enrolling our people without telling them who they were (as most did not know) to present day getting our people aware of who they are and where they belong, HOME.

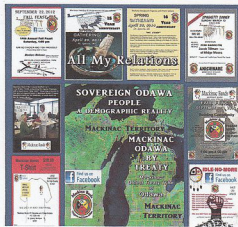
Our Mission has been to gain Federal Recognition for our Mackinac People. Through our efforts we have seen many changes and faced many obstacles. Financial is one of our greatest challenges. We are asking once again for your help in the next step which is appearing before the Appellate court. If you are able please send check or money order to:

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Past events Sponsored by Mackinac

We have been able to have our first annual Culture Camp this past Spring. We continue to have our Spring and Fall Gathering. We are currently working on several workshops to educate our People on the language, basket making, quilt work and many more teachings that were handed down from our people.