

Cathy Abramson - Saulte Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians
NIHB Board Chairperson and Bemidji Area Representative
Elected Councilwoman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribes Board of Directors – Board Member & Treasurer

Cathy Abramson represents the Bemidji area Tribes (Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) on the National Indian Health Board and serves as the board Chairperson. Cathy also serves on the Human Service Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. She was elected to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Board of Directors in 1996 representing Unit 1. She has been serving as a board member since that time, and was re-elected for a fifth term in the summer of 2012; she presently serves as Secretary. Cathy's Spirit Name is Wabanung Quay. She is a member of the Wolf clan. She resides in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan – Bawehting. Cathy is actively involved with United Tribes of Michigan and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST). She also serves on the Tribes Traditional Living and Foods Program Planning Committee, and participates in the Sault Ste. Marie Culture Committee, Higher Education Committee, Conservation Committee, and has served as an advisor for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Youth Council. Cathy states, "The greatest gift that the Creator has given me is my family. I have been married for 30 years to Tony Abramson and we have 3 beautiful children -- Lisa, Laura and Tony, Jr. We have 6 beautiful granddaughters, and a beautiful grandson, who are the absolute joys of my life." Cathy loves to hunt, fish and gather the indigenous foods of her area, and enjoys camping, hiking, traveling and family gatherings.