



Excerpts from a Potawatomi Prayer

Today, we see what the People who have knowledge of coming events, our Elders, were trying to tell us in the past. We were told to respect all living things - those that soar above us in the sky, those that walk or crawl upon the earth, those that belong underwater, all of the roots, trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers. We were cautioned to take only what we need, for the Creator has set these upon Mother Earth for all our use.

Today, we are abusing our Mother Earth. Our air, water and soil is polluted. We are told not to eat fish out of certain streams and lakes.

I pray to our Creator that we look back so that we may see ahead. Let us examine our lives so that we are respectful to our fellow humans and to nature. Let us respect our children and, above all, let us live our lives in accordance with our beliefs.

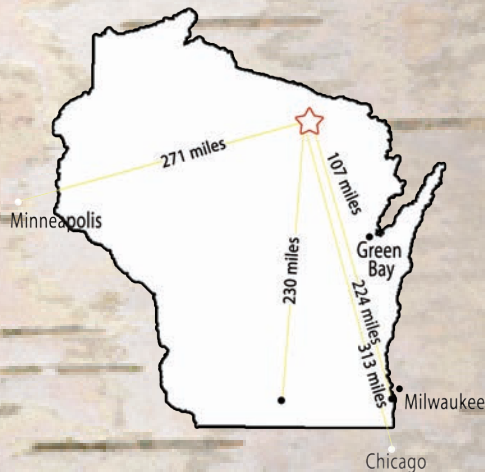
Let us share our natural resources for the good of our People. Let us work for clean air and water and pray for the courage to stand up to those who would abuse our Mother Earth.

Ttha ge na gom ge (So be it).

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was primarily created to educate the public with a permanent exhibit outlining significant historical and contemporary events and to pass the history, culture and traditions of the Potawatomi to the next generations.

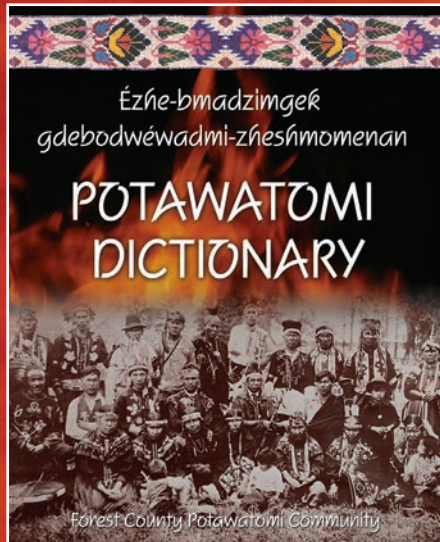
The heart of the facility is our continued collection of photography and artifacts, artwork, audio/video, rare books, treaties, manuscripts, language materials and other memorabilia.

Services offered to the community include: Potawatomi language and cultural class instruction, Native American DVD and VHS rental, gift shop sales (including online shopping), a variety of tribal newspapers and an array of books on the history and culture of indigenous Peoples of the northern and western hemispheres.

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