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## New Officers elected to serve on Menominee Tribal Legislative Executive Team

(Keshena, WI) – On February 9, 2016, the Menominee Tribal Legislature convened at the Annual Reorganizational meeting at the Menominee Nation Casino-Convention Center. The Tribal Legislature elected the new Executive Council for the 2016 Legislative year. In an election among their Legislative peers, the following were voted into to the Executive positions of the Menominee Tribal Legislature: Joan Delabreau as Chairwoman, Crystal Chapman-Chevalier as Vice-Chair and Myrna Warrington as Secretary.

"It is a great honor to serve as Chairperson to the membership of the Menominee Nation. Each year our Legislature undergoes a re-organization at which time a new Executive Officers are seated. I am honored to have been elected to serve my Nation." Chairwoman Delabreau went on to say, "I would like to thank former Chairman, Gary Besaw, for his year of service and our outgoing Legislators, Lisa S. Waukau and Ruth Waupoose for their years of service. Additionally, I welcome our new Legislators, Doug Cox and Pershing Frechette, on board."

Delabreau replaces Gary Besaw, who served as Tribal Chairman for the 2015 Legislative year. Besaw will continue his service to the Tribe as a Legislator. Legislator Besaw stated the following,

"The Menominee Nation reorganizes our Menominee Tribal Legislature each year, and I respect the process and all decisions made. The Nation always comes first. I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve them as the Chairman. I never went a day without feeling so humbled serving such a beautiful people. Chairperson Delabreau will find a committed and dedicated tribal workforce I was honored to work with. I congratulate Chairperson Delabreau and look forward to working with her and the new Executive Officers."

Chairwoman Delabreau has culminated many years of service to the Menominee Nation. She has served on the Legislature since 2002 and also previously held the position as Tribal Chairwoman in 2003 and 2004. Chairwoman Delabreau also held the Executive Officer position of Secretary in both 2008 and 2014.

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