

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

CERTIFIED MOTION # 040718-03
Participation in Opioid Litigation

- WHEREAS** the Constitution of the Waganakising Odawak (aka Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians) directs all branches of government to promote with special care the health of all Tribal citizens, especially children and elders, protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation, and improve public health;
- WHEREAS** the opioid epidemic plaguing the United States creates a crisis for individuals families, governments and communities. Manufacturer, distributors and marketers of opioids have reaped tremendous profits from the overuse and abuse of these substances, and there is indication that they intentionally targeted tribal communities for especially high-volume introductions of opioids;
- WHEREAS** to aid in carrying out its Constitutional directive the Tribal government established and operates a Health Department that is responsible for overseeing all health related programs and personnel including physical and mental health to ensure a holistic approach by respecting and intertwining both modern and traditional healing;
- WHEREAS** the Health Department has witnessed the devastating impact of widespread opioid addiction and is striving to develop effective prevention and treatment programs;
- WHEREAS** the law firm of Kanji & Katzen, PLLC is in the process of coordinating a multi-tribal effort to seek redress against the pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and marketers aimed at compensating tribes for their injuries and funding prevention and treatment programs. Kanji & Katzen is working with law firms specializing in mass tort litigation, including Riley & Jackson, to pursue justice for tribes impacted by the opioid epidemic;
- WHEREAS** the law firms are willing to pursue a case on behalf of tribes on a strict contingency fee basis with participating tribes incurring no fees or expenses for legal services, and the law firms only getting paid a percentage of the judgment or settlement, if successful.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands approves joining a coalition of tribes to be represented in litigation coordinated through Kanji & Katzen. Final authorization to join as a co-plaintiff in a lawsuit may occur once all plaintiff tribes are identified

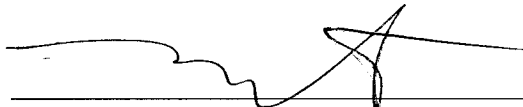
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and the details of a retainer agreement presented to the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Treasurer and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Certified Motion was duly approved by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held April 7, 2018 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 absent as recorded by this certification as an official action on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Date: 04.07.18



Legislative Leader Fred Harrington, Jr.

Date: 040718

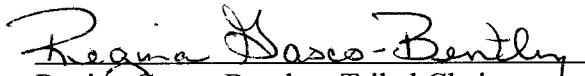


Secretary Tamara Kiogima

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The Executive concurs and recommend this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 4-9-18



Regina Gasco-Bentley, Tribal Chairperson



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