

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

RESOLUTION # 120405-01

Support for Public Acquisition of Big Rock Point

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance and;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** Big Rock Point has been the traditional point of arrival and departure for the crossing of LTBB people across Little Traverse Bay for purposes such as travel to winter hunting grounds, and has been a traditional site for Tribal encampments, ceremonies, hunting and gathering;
- WHEREAS** the Big Rock Point nuclear reactor is being decommissioned and the site restored to a more or less natural condition, and CMS energy has indicated that the property will be available for public acquisition;
- WHEREAS** representatives of LTBB have been meeting over time with representatives of Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, the Little Traverse Conservancy and others to develop a plan for public acquisition of Big Rock Point;
- WHEREAS** the site's cultural, historical and natural history make Big Rock Point an ideal asset for the public, remaining in an essentially natural state with the possibility of an interpretive-historical center on the site and the potential for camping, recreation and the same sorts of uses that have been made of the property for centuries;
- WHEREAS** the site is adjacent to the Tribe’s Taimi Hoag Natural Area and the Little Traverse Conservancy’s Susan Creek Nature preserve, so preservation of the Big Rock site

would supplement LTBB's ongoing effort to enhance the environmental health of this coastal area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians fully supports inter-governmental and inter-agency efforts to place Big Rock Point in permanent public ownership for environment restoration and preservation, recreation consistent with those purposes, and cultural education.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Secretary, I certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held December 4, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Gasco Bentley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Mary Roberts	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Dexter McNamara	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Oldman	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Melvin L. Kiogima	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice Law	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Date: _____

Beatrice Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson