

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 042008-01

Request for Funding from the
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5,
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Support Agency Cooperative Agreement (SACA) Grant

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** the Tribe's treaty delineated reservation area encompasses approximately 336 square miles in Northwestern-Lower Michigan;
- WHEREAS** the Tribe relies on environmental protection for the health of Tribal citizens and cultural perpetuation and has embraced a mission to respect, honor, and care for Mother Earth and her families, keeping the next seven generations in mind;
- WHEREAS** the LTBB enacted and implemented numerous statutes that help to protect the environment and natural resources within the Tribe's reservation area, including its Solid Waste Disposal Statute (Waganakising Odawak Statute 2003-01), Conservation and Cultural Preservation Easement Act (Waganakising Odawak Statute 2004-01), and Great Lakes Protection Statute (Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999-010);
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has a great concern in the contamination issue of Bay Harbor in Emmet County, Michigan, which is within the Tribe's treaty delineated reservation, and has been determined to be a Superfund site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Tribe's concern stems from its duty to protect the health and safety of its members, and the Tribe's economic, cultural and subsistence treaty right to harvest Great Lakes fish;
- WHEREAS** the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has approved the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians as eligible to receive funding of a Support Agency Cooperative Agreement grant for the purpose of assistance with the Bay Harbor contamination issue;

WHEREAS the Tribe desires to continue its involvement in the clean up efforts of the Bay Harbor Superfund Removal site.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this request for funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, for a Support Agency Cooperative Agreement grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Vice Chairman William I. Denemy, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., or another designee from the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for, receive, and administer funds under the grant.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we 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 April 20, 2008 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	X
Melvin L. Kiogima	_____	_____	_____	X
Dexter McNamara	X	_____	_____	_____
Marvin Mulholland	X	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Oldman	X	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	X	_____	_____	_____
Gerald V. Chingwa	X	_____	_____	_____
Regina Gasco Bentley	X	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice A. Law	X	_____	_____	_____

Date: _____
Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____
Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on _____ by _____

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