

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 071110-02

Authorizes Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment

- 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 (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) 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 places a high priority on the well-being of the LTBB Tribal elders;
- WHEREAS** Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country;
- WHEREAS** Three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health & Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant;
- WHEREAS** The needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:
- General Health Status
 - Activities of Daily Living
 - Visual, Hearing, and Dental
 - Tobacco and Alcohol Use
 - Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
 - Social Support, Housing, and Work

WHEREAS In addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research;

WHEREAS The three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

WHEREAS Summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person;

WHEREAS The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the University or North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hereby authorizes participation in the most current *Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders*. The Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians belongs to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without tribal authorization.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that Tribal Chairman Ken Harrington, Vice Chairman Dexter McNamara, or Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., or another designee from the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute any documents necessary to participate in the national needs assessment.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal 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 July 11, 2010 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Marvin Mulholland	X			
Belinda Bardwell	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima	X			
Gerald V. Chingwa	X			
Rita Shananaquet	X			
Aaron Otto				X
John Bott	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Julie Shananaquet	X	1		

Date: 7-14-10
 Julie A. Shananaquet, Legislative Leader

Date: 7-14-10
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 7-14-10 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: 7.19.10
 Ken Harrington, Tribal Chairperson

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