

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION 062818- 01

Opposition to the "Zero-Tolerance" Immigration Policy of Separating Families

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), 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 many of the families apprehended at the border come from Central America fleeing gang violence and poverty and seeking asylum in the United States;

WHEREAS the Trump administration has introduced a "zero-tolerance" immigration policy calling for the prosecution of all individuals who illegally enter the United States that includes the forced separation of children from their migrant parents when they cross the border;

WHEREAS there is no law mandating the separation of families;

WHEREAS At least 2,342 children were separated from their parents between May 5, 2018 and June 9, 2018, as a result of the policy.

WHEREAS Ravina Shamdasani, a spokeswoman for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights stated "The U.S. should immediately halt this practice of separating families and stop criminalizing what should at most be an administrative offense — that of irregular entry or stay in the U.S.";

WHEREAS on June 21, 2018, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to temporarily stop family separations at the border, but the President's zero tolerance policy toward illegal entry will remained intact.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians vehemently oppose the current "zero-tolerance" immigration policy that includes forcibly separating children from their parents.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED and we respectfully request that this policy be revised so that these migrant children and their parents do not have to suffer detrimental trauma that follows when families are forcibly torn apart.

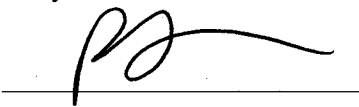
CERTIFICATION

As the 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 on June 28, 2018 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

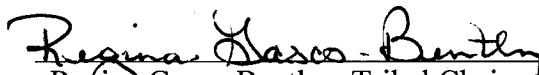
	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Bernard	_____	_____	_____	X
David Harrington	X	_____	_____	_____
Dexter McNamara	X	_____	_____	_____
Emily Proctor	X	_____	_____	_____
Julie Shananaquet	X	_____	_____	_____
Shanna Wemigwase	X	_____	_____	_____
Marcella Reyes	_____	_____	_____	X
Tamara Kiogima	X	_____	_____	_____
Fred Harrington, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	X

Date: 07.03.18 
 Fred Harrington, Jr., Legislative Leader

Date: 06-28-2018 
 Tamara Kiogima, Tribal Secretary

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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: 7-3-18 
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

