

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

**Tribal Council Declaration # 061409-01**

Honoring Our Ancestors and Their Resting Places

**WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB”) 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 branch of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS** by treaty, MOU’s with the United States, federal Consent Decrees and indigenous right LTBB has secured the authority to ensure, protect and regulate the Tribe’s exercise of treaty rights on the lands and waters of the 1836 Ceded Territory and the LTBB Reservation;

**WHEREAS** LTBB custom honors our ancestors and their resting places;

**WHEREAS** NAGPRA regulations "apply to human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony which are indigenous to Alaska, Hawaii, and the continental United States" [43 CFR 10.1(b)(2)], making all human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony found under the Great Lakes under the regulation of NAGPRA;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That all persons and organizations seeking to unearth human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony around or under the Great Lakes must come to LTBB to first ask permission;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** That any disturbance of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony around or under the Great Lakes must be done in a good way with the assistance and blessing of LTBB.

**Signed on this date: June 14, 2009**

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