

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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RESOLUTION #020302-02
Resolution Directing the Bureau of Indian Affairs
to Suppress All Wildfires on Tribal Lands

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) is a federally recognized tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, "The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Act;"

WHEREAS the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians possesses the authority through the Tribal Constitution to represent the community;

WHEREAS we hold that all life, property and natural resources have value and shall be protected from unnecessary damage;

WHEREAS wildfires play a natural roll in the ecosystem but also have the ability to destroy life, property and natural resources;

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the responsibility to protect all trust lands on the Reservation from uncontrolled wildfire;

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs is required by federal regulations and policy to have a Wildfire Management Plan defining the control, use or management of wildfire in the Reservation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to suppress all wildfire on the Reservation in accordance with the attached Wildfire Management Plan;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribe reserves the right to use fire as a management tool when the time is right and will direct the Bureau of Indian Affairs to amend the Wildfire

Management Plan and provide technical support when the Tribe resolves that there is a need to reintroduce wildfire to the ecosystem to meet Tribal management goals.

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal 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 on February 3, 2002 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Gerald Chingwa	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Frederick Harrington, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice Law	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Janet Shomin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Date: 2/11/02

Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Chairman

Frederick R. Harrington, Jr., Tribal Secretary