

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

RESOLUTION # 020605-01

**Support the Repatriation of Human Remains Along With Associated Grave Goods from
the University of Michigan to the Whitefish River First Nation**

WHEREAS: the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) 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 governing body of the Tribe;

WHEREAS: Dr. Emerson Greenman in approximately 1938 on behalf of the University of Michigan disturbed and removed the remains of the old people resting in Old Birch Cemetery;

WHEREAS: Whitefish River First Nation has repeatedly and consistently requested the return of these burial remains along with associated grave goods and is negotiation with the University of Michigan for their return;

WHEREAS: the Whitefish River First Nation has demonstrated the support of other indigenous people and Provincial and Canadian National governments for the return of these burial remains;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports the return of all burial remains along with associated grave goods from the Old Birch Cemetery to the Whitefish River First Nation.

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 January 23, 2005 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
Frank Ettawageshik	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Beatrice Law	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dexter McNamara	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rita Shananaquet	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Regina Bentley	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary