

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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**RESOLUTION # 030901-01
LITIGATION SUPPORT REQUEST**

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe with the right to hunt and engage in other usufructuary activities retained by Article XIII of the Treaty of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491);

WHEREAS the nature, scope and contemporary existence of these rights to hunt, fish, and gather on the lands and inland waters ceded in the Treaty of 1836 have not been conclusively determined by any court, nor are they recognized by the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS it is determined to be in the best interests of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and its members to participate in any litigation by which these rights will be declared and recognized, in a cooperative effort with the other federally recognized 1836 Treaty tribes and the United States;

WHEREAS the initiation and conduct of this litigation will engender significant litigation expenditures, which are not within the capacity of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to undertake on its own;

WHEREAS the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority was established by the five (5) 1836 federally recognized Treaty tribes to administer the inter-tribal protection, management and regulation of the fish, wildlife and plants within the area ceded in the Treaty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians approves and supports submission of the request for FY 2001 Litigation Support funds by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority is authorized to undertake any and all actions necessary to obtain approval of this request for litigation support funding, and to sign any resulting contract documents for approved funding under the provisions of PL 93-638, as amended.

Certification

As Tribal Secretary and Tribal Chairman, the undersigned certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians by phone poll completed on March 9, 2001, and affirmed by the Tribal Council at its regular meeting on March 18, 2001, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	✓	_____	_____	_____
Gerald Chingwa	✓	_____	_____	_____
Janet Shomin	✓	_____	_____	_____
Susan Wysocki	✓	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	✓	_____	_____	_____

Date: 03-09-01

Susan Wysocki, Tribal Secretary

Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Chairman