

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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**RESOLUTION 031900-05
LITIGATION SUPPORT PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians reserved rights to hunt and gather in the territory ceded in the Treaty of Washington of 1836 (7 Stat. 491);

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands is a party to the litigation entitled *United States v. Michigan*, Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan number 2:73-CIV-26, which involves both litigation of the claims that are already at issue therein and litigation of claims to treaty rights on ceded lands and in ceded inland waters of portions of Michigan;

WHEREAS the Tribe continues to be in need of legal services in connection with said action to secure, preserve and protect its treaty rights to fish within the treaty ceded waters of Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior and to secure, preserve and protect its treaty rights to hunt, trap, fish and gather on the lands and inland waters ceded by the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836, and the Tribe has prepared a Request for Fiscal Year 2000 Appropriated Funds for Attorneys Fees and Expenses in this regard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract with the Tribe under the authority of Public Law 93-638, as amended, for fiscal year 2000 appropriated funds for legal services to protect the Tribe's rights in the ongoing *United States v. Michigan* litigation in the amount of \$208,750 as set out in the proposal budget.

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, the undersigned 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 March 19, 2000 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

| | In Favor | Opposed | Abstained | Absent |
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| George Anthony | ✓ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Gerald Chingwa | ✓ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Dorothy Gasco | ✓ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rita Shananaquet | _____ | ✓ | _____ | _____ |
| Janet Shomin | ✓ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Susan Wysocki | ✓ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Alice Yellowbank | ✓ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Date: 3/19/00

Gerald Chingwa, Tribal Chairman

Dorothy Gasco, Tribal Secretary