

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 031906-04

Recommendation to the State of Michigan for inclusion of Anishinaabemowin as a Second Language in Educational Requirements

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance and;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621) and;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe and;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Reservation boundaries are primarily surrounded by the State of Michigan and as such the students from our reservation primarily attend schools with curriculum controlled by the State of Michigan;
- WHEREAS** the State of Michigan is currently considering a public school graduation requirement that students attend two years of a foreign language;
- WHEREAS** Anishinaabemowin is the primary language of the indigenous peoples of the territory that became the State of Michigan;
- WHEREAS** the Constitution of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians recognizes Anishnaabemowin as the Traditional Language of the Tribe and the Constitution's first directive promotes revitalization of Anishnaabemowin.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council desires the State of Michigan to recognize Anishinaabemowin as a second language alternative for high school graduation requirements and consider using the terminology of second language rather than foreign language in graduation requirements.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Executive is directed to deliver this resolution to any and all State of Michigan officials that have influence over this decision.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Secretary, I 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 March 19, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Mary Roberts	X			
Rita Shananaquet				X
Alice Yellowbank	X			
Shirley Oldman	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima	X			
Beatrice A. Law	X			

Date: _____

Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on _____ By _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson