Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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RESOLUTION # <u>()23000-03</u>
ASKING CONGRESS TO MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A LINE ITEM IN THE FY 2001 BUDGET FOR TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FUNDING THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS:

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, a Federally recognized Indian tribe, finds promotion of education to be critical to the future and well-being of the Tribe and its members;

WHEREAS:

In the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-382, Congress authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Departments through the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS:

The President's FY 2001 Budget does not request funding within the Education Department for Tribal Education Departments; and

WHEREAS:

Federal funds for Tribal Education Departments are a vital part of the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and Indian tribal nations, as embodied in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, other acts of Congress, and the trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS:

Indian education reports and research recommend that Tribal Education Departments be federally-funded so they can be empowered to improve educational conditions for tribal students; and

WHEREAS:

Even though the President has not asked for Tribal Education Department funding, Congress can make a special request for such funding by way of a line item;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hereby resolves and asks that Congress make a special request for line item funding through the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$5 million for Tribal Education Departments.

	C	ertification		
As Tribal Chairman adopted by the Tribal Council 3-30, 2000 by a vot recorded by this roll call.	cil of the Little Tr	averse Bay Band	s of Odawa India	ne on
	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony Gerald Chingwa	· V	-	-	-
Dorothy Gasco				V
Rita Shananaquet Janet Shomin		-/	-	-
Susan Wysocki Alice Yellowbank	V			
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Date: 3-30-00				
		Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Chairman		