

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 050706-02

Requesting Repatriation of the Tribe's Ancestral Remains and Burial Items from the University of Michigan for Proper Ceremony and Reburial

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- 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);
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has repatriated our ancestors and their burial related possessions from every museum and university that was identified possessing these people and items;
- WHEREAS** the University of Michigan labeled an entire collection of remains and burial items as “culturally unaffiliated or unidentifiable” without contacting our Native American Graves and Repatriation Officer;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council has information and belief that no attempt was made to identify Tribal affiliation of much of the collection held by the University of Michigan;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council has information and belief that many of the human remains and burial items came from our traditional lands including most of the counties within our territories ceded in the Treaty of 1836, and are culturally affiliated with our Tribe;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians directs the Tribal Executive to contact University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman and demand immediate return of our ancestors and their burial items for proper ceremony and reburial.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council 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 May 7, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

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

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