

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

RESOLUTION #051505-01
Adoption of Kyoto Protocol and Renewable Energy Standards

- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** the Tribe holds sacred its responsibility to protect Mother Earth for the next seven generations;
- WHEREAS** scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth’s climate;
- WHEREAS** it has been shown that human activities and energy consumption are increasingly altering the Earth’s climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century;
- WHEREAS** the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program’s (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun;
- WHEREAS** global warming poses significant threats to indigenous and non-indigenous communities across the world in the form of heat waves, drought, shrinking water supplies and snow pack, catastrophic fires, floods and storms, coastal erosion, new diseases, and loss of traditional plant and animal life;
- WHEREAS** we believe that it is our right and our duty to institute a new energy economy, one whose foundation is built on the efficient and profitable use of clean energy that supports our tribal self-sufficiency and sovereignty;
- WHEREAS** 128 countries have signed onto the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement requiring countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by the period 2008-2012, and more than 150 cities have volunteered to meet the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol as independent municipalities and in the spirit of protection of the environment and their economies;
- WHEREAS** in March 2001, the United States officially refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and take responsibility for the greenhouse gas emissions the nation is responsible for;

WHEREAS energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS tribal lands represent a vast amount of renewable energy potential, including wind and solar power that can meet the energy needs of both local tribes and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS wind power blowing through Indian reservations in just four northern Great Plains states could support almost 200,000 MW of power, enough to reduce output from coal plants by 30% and reduce our electricity base global warming pollution by 25%, and Great Lakes Indian nations could similarly produce alternative non-polluting renewable energy for our tribal communities and for export;

WHEREAS actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians commits to meeting the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol and, in doing so, will strive to obtain 25% percent of our total energy from renewable energy sources by 2020.

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal 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 on ***** at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call.

| | In Favor | Opposed | Abstained | Absent |
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| Frank Ettawageshik | x | | | |
| Beatrice Law | x | | | |
| Alice Yellowbank | x | | | |
| Dexter McNamara | x | | | |
| Fred Harrington, Jr. | x | | | |
| Rita Shananaquet | x | | | |
| Regina Bentley | x | | | |

Date: May 15, 2005

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary