

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 052007-01

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Desires the United States Government Institute and Fund a Department of Peace and Non-Violence

- 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 Tribal Council recognizes and honors the contributions of its veterans and citizens currently serving in the United States military service and desires no action that will endanger deployed troops;
- WHEREAS** on February 5, 2007, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, Democrat of Ohio, introduced House Bill 808 in the United States House of Representatives to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence, which has garnered the sponsorship of fifty-two (52) members of the United States House of Representatives;
- WHEREAS** the enactment of House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace and Non-Violence, which will be headed by a Secretary of Peace who will advise the President on issues that are both domestic and international in scope;
- WHEREAS** the Department of Peace and Non-Violence will consist of seven (7) offices including:

An Office of Peace Education and Training whose responsibility, in cooperation with the Secretary of Education is to develop a peace curriculum and supporting materials for distribution to the department of education in each state and territory for the

building of communicative peace skills, nonviolent conflict resolution skills, and other objectives to increase knowledge of peace processes, including the development of a Peace Academy;

An Office of Domestic Peace Activities whose responsibilities are 1) to develop policies that increase awareness about intervention and counseling on domestic violence and conflict, 2) to develop policy alternatives for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse, 3) to develop new policies and build on existing programs responsive to the prevention of crime, including the development of community policing strategies and peaceful settlement skills among police and other public safety officers, and 4) to develop community-based strategies for celebrating diversity and promoting tolerance;

An Office of International Peace Activities whose responsibilities are 1) to provide for the training and deployment of all Peace Academy graduates and other nonmilitary conflict prevention and peacemaking personnel, 2) to sponsor country and regional conflict prevention and dispute resolution initiatives in countries experiencing social, political, and economic strife, 3) to advocate the creation of a multinational nonviolent peace force, 4) to provide training for the administration of post-conflict reconstruction and demobilization in war-torn societies, and 5) to provide for the exchange between individuals of the U.S. and other nations who are endeavoring to develop domestic and international peace-based initiatives;

An Office of Technology for Peace whose responsibilities are 1) to carry out the functions in the department affecting the awareness, study, and impact of developing new technologies on the creation and maintenance of domestic and international peace, 2) to provide grants for the research and development of technologies in transportation, communications, and energy that are nonviolent in their application and encourage the conservation and sustainability of natural resources in order to prevent future conflicts regarding scarce resources;

An Office of Arms Control and Disarmament whose responsibilities are 1) to advise the Secretary of Peace on all interagency discussions and all international negotiations regarding the reduction and elimination of weapons of mass destruction throughout the world including the dismantling of such weapons and the safe and secure storage of related materials, 2) to assist nations, international agencies and non-governmental organizations in assessing the locations of the buildup of nuclear arms, 3) to develop nonviolent strategies to deter the testing or use of offensive or defensive nuclear weapons, whether based on land, air, sea, or in outer space, 4) to serve as a depository for copies of all contracts, agreements, and treaties that deal with the reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons or the protection of outer space for militarization, and 5) to provide technical support and legal assistance for the implementation of such agreements;

An Office of Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution whose responsibilities are 1) to carry out those functions in the department affecting research and analysis relating to creating, initiating, and modeling approaches to peaceful coexistence and nonviolent conflict resolution, 2) to study the impact of war, especially on the physical and mental condition of children which shall include the effect of war on the environment and public health, 3) to publish a monthly journal of the activities of the department and encourage scholarly participation, 4) to gather information on effective community peace-building activities and disseminate such information to local governments and non-governmental organizations in the U.S. and abroad, 5) to research the effect of violence in the media and make such reports available to the Congress annually, and 6) to sponsor conferences throughout the U.S. to create awareness of the work of the department; and

An Office of Human Rights and Economic Rights whose responsibilities are 1) to carry out those functions of the department supporting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948, 2) to assist the Secretary of Peace, in cooperation with the Secretary of State, in furthering the incorporation of principles of human rights, as enunciated in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of December 10, 1948, into all agreements between the U.S. and other nations to help reduce the causes of violence, 3) to gather information on and document human rights abuses, both domestically and internationally, and recommend to the Secretary of Peace nonviolent responses to correct abuses, 4) to make such findings available to other agencies in order to facilitate nonviolent conflict resolution, 5) to conduct economic analyses of the scarcity of human and natural resources as a source of conflict and to make recommendations to the Secretary of Peace for nonviolent prevention of such scarcity, nonviolent intervention in case of scarcity, and the development of programs of assistance for people experiencing such scarcity, whether due to armed conflict, maldistribution of resources, or natural causes, and 6) to assist the Secretary of Peace, in cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Treasury, in developing strategies regarding the sustainability and the management of the distribution of funds from international agencies, the conditions regarding the receipt of such funds, and the impact of those conditions on the peace and stability of the recipient nations;

WHEREAS the enactment of House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians by holding peace as an organizing principle for the American Society, which will change the tone of the society reducing racism against indigenous peoples;

WHEREAS the enactment of House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians by developing new programs that relate to the societal challenges of domestic violence, school violence, guns, racial or ethnic violence, violence against gays and lesbians, and police-community relations disputes, which

WHEREAS the enactment House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians by encouraging the development of initiatives from the community, its religious groups and its non-governmental organizations, which will cause greater community involvement thereby creating a stronger Tribe;

WHEREAS the enactment of House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence will benefit the Tribe by eventually reducing federal spending on the military budget, thereby redirecting funds to the Tribes, states and cities and assisting in the balancing of our Tribal budget;

WHEREAS House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence has seventy-five (75) sponsors in the United States House of Representatives;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council has studied the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence and has held a public discussion regarding the bill;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council adopts this resolution in favor of enactment of House Bill 808 and any supporting Senate Bill to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council urges Rep. Stupak to become a co-sponsor of House Bill 808 to create a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council encourages Rep. Stupak to urge U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenaw and Carl Levin to sponsor a Senate Bill creating a United States Department of Peace and Non-Violence;

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council recommends the United States House of Representatives, United States Senate create and fund a Department of Peace and Non-Violence and the Executive Branch of the United States establish and operate the Department of Peace and Non-Violence in a manner that recognizes the needs and desires of the many sovereign Tribes within the physical boundaries of the United States.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal Council 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 20, 2007 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstentions, and 1 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> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Oldman	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Melvin L. Kiogima	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Beatrice A. Law	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: _____

Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary