

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 061106-10

Opposition to Kennecott Minerals Proposed Sulfide Ore Mine

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested 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 Kennecott Minerals Company has applied for permits to mine a sulfide ore deposit in the headwaters of the Salmon Trout River and Yellow Dog River, and
- WHEREAS** These Rivers are tributaries to Lake Superior, which could ultimately receive pollutants from any mining by Kennecott, and
- WHEREAS** Lake Superior is hydrologically connected to Lake Michigan and Reservation Waters of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and
- WHEREAS** The Tribe is concerned about sulfide mineral mining because sulfide ore, when exposed to air and water, can cause acid mine drainage, and
- WHEREAS** The devastating effects of acid mine drainage on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems are well documented and understood, and pose an unacceptable risk to the fishery resources of Lake Superior and its tributaries and other Great Lakes, and
- WHEREAS** Due to the environmental impacts, sulfide mining poses numerous risks to tribal life ways and resources upon which all tribes rely to sustain their culture, and

WHEREAS Kennecott has also engaged in exploratory drilling within the boundaries of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's L'Anse Reservation, and

WHEREAS the potential exists that Kennecott could engage in exploratory drilling within the boundaries of other tribes, including the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians reservation boundaries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shares the conviction of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community that sulfide mining, and in particular the mine proposed by Kennecott Mineral Company, poses unacceptable risks to the water-rich environment of the Yellow Dog Plains.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians recognizes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Kennecott mine including the long term environmental impact on the Lake Superior watershed and the watersheds of other Great Lakes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians recognize that a decision to allow Sulfide mine in the headwaters of the Salmon Trout River and Yellow Dog River will set a precedent for decisions related to sulfide mining operations in the State of Michigan.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in its opposition to sulfide mining within the boundaries of its Reservation.

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 June 11, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions, and 2 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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Shirley Oldman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Melvin L. Kiogima	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </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