

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

RESOLUTION # 080804-04
Direct Funding for Elder Services

WHEREAS the Older Americans Act declares in its declaration of objectives that it is the responsibility of Indian tribes, of the governments of the United States and of the several states and their political subdivisions to assist our older people to secure equal opportunity to the full and free enjoyment of adequate income in retirement, the best possible physical and mental health without regard to economic status, obtaining and maintaining suitable housing, full restoration services and long term care services, opportunity for employment, retirement in health, honor and dignity, participating in and contributing to meaningful activities, efficient community services, low-cost transportation, freedom, independence and the free exercise of individual initiative in planning and managing their own lives as well as protection against abuse, neglect and exploitation;

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 Older Americans Act under its Subchapter III General Provisions declares its purpose to encourage and assist State agencies and area agencies on aging to concentrate resources in order to develop greater capacity and foster the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems to serve older individuals by entering into new cooperative arrangements in each State with Indian tribes and tribal organizations for the planning, and for the provision of, supportive services and multipurpose senior center, in order to:

Secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older individuals;

Remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence for older individuals;

Provide a continuum of care for vulnerable older individuals; and

Secure the opportunity for older individuals to receive and manage in-home and community-based long-term care services;

WHEREAS the United States Congress finds that the older individuals who are Indians of the United States:

are a rapidly increasing population;
suffer from high unemployment;
live in poverty at a rate estimated to be as high as 61%;
have a life expectancy between 3 and 4 years less

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports receiving elder services funding directly from the State in a manner that can be agreed upon by a collective of Indian Tribes of Michigan and the Office of Services to the Aging.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds sought by this resolution are intended to supplement, not replace, any funds LTBB receives directly from the Federal government under Title VI of the Older Americans Act.

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 August 8, 2004 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
Frank Ettawageshik	X			
Beatrice Law	X			
Alice Yellowbank	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Rita Shananaquet	X			
Regina Bentley	X			

Date: August 8, 2004

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary