

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

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**RESOLUTION # 090901- 01  
RESTORATION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

**WHEREAS** Indian tribes ceded virtually all the land that now comprises the United States, but retained their inherent powers of self-government, and retained jurisdiction over persons and activities within the areas reserved in treaties, or lands later restored through Executive or Congressional action;

**WHEREAS** the health, strength and integrity of Indian tribes, as well as the dignity of the United States, rest on protection of the inherent sovereign authority of Indian tribes over persons and activities within their reservations;

**WHEREAS** a number of recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court, including *Atkinson Trading Company v. Shirley* and *Nevada v. Hicks* have profoundly eroded Tribal sovereignty, especially involving civil jurisdiction over nonmembers within a tribe's reservation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians urges the United States Congress to enact legislation fully restoring the civil jurisdiction of Indian tribes over all persons and activities in their reservations.

**Certification**

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, the undersigned 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 September 9, 2001 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	✓			
Gerald Chingwa	✓			
Fred Harrington	✓			
Rita Shananaquet	✓			
Janet Shomin	✓			
Susan Wysocki				✓
Alice Yellowbank	✓			

Date: 9-09-01

Gerald Chingwa, Tribal Chairman   

Susan Wysocki, Tribal Secretary