

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

RESOLUTION # 110203-02
SUBMISSION OF REVISED CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (Tribe) is an Indian tribe possessing inherent sovereignty;

WHEREAS the Tribe entered into numerous treaties with the United States including the Treaty of 1855, 11 Stat. 621, and Treaty of March 28, 1836, 7 Stat. 491, and the United States reaffirmed the status of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians as a Federally recognized Indian tribe through passage of Public Law 103-324, 25 U.S.C. § 1300k;

WHEREAS under the terms of Public Law 103-324, “. . . the governing documents in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [enacted Sept. 21, 1994] shall be the interim governing documents for the Bands [Little Traverse]. . . . Until such time as the Bands elect new officials pursuant to paragraph (1), the Bands' governing bodies shall be those governing bodies in place on the date of the enactment of this Act [enacted Sept. 21, 1994], or any new governing bodies selected under the election procedures specified in the respective interim governing documents of the Bands.”

WHEREAS in accordance with the terms of Public Law 103-324, the Tribal Council (A.K.A. Board of Directors in interim governing document) listed in the certification of this Resolution comprises the interim governing body of the Tribe;

WHEREAS as an act of its inherent sovereign power to exercise governmental authority over its territory and members, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Tribal Council prepared a Constitution in consultation with Tribal membership through

numerous community hearings and forums which it submitted to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indians Affairs by Resolution 102101-05 in October of 2001;

WHEREAS by letter dated June 13, 2003 the Bureau of Indian Affairs provided the Tribe comments on the document submitted by Resolution 102101-05;

WHEREAS the Tribal Council carefully reviewed and considered the comments made in the June 13, 2003 letter, and prepared the attached revised document making a number of technical changes suggested in that letter;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians submits the attached Constitution to the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an election in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 461 *et seq.* and Public Law 103-324, 25 U.S.C. § 1300k.

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 November 2, 2003, at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Bentley	_____	__x__	_____	_____
Frank Ettawageshik	__x__	_____	_____	_____
Frederick Harrington, Jr.	__x__	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice Law	_____	_____	_____	__x__
Dexter McNamara	__x__	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	_____	__x__	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	_____	_____	_____	__x__

Date:_____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary