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

## **RESOLUTION # 112005-05**

Consultation on Land-Into-Trust Process

- **WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB" or "Tribe") is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the Unites 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 continued restoration of a Tribal land base through the land-into-trust process is essential to LTBB, so the land-into-trust process and corresponding regulations are of the utmost importance to the Tribe;
- **WHEREAS** there has been ongoing efforts and discussions within the Bureau of Indian Affairs and within tribal organizations concerning review and revision of the existing land-into-trust process and regulations;
- **WHEREAS** LTBB believes that input from tribes is essential to a successful revision of the land-into-trust process and regulations;
- **WHEREAS** full consultation with tribes throughout the country is required to meet the standards of collaboration and cooperation outlined in the December 2000 Consultation Policy of the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians requests in the spirit of collaboration and cooperation that the Bureau of Indian Affairs hold two consultations with the tribes in each of the BIA's 12 regions on the land-into-trust process and regulations, and any pending or proposed revisions.

## CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Secretary, I 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 November 20, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	Х			
Mary Roberts	Х			
Rita Shananaquet	Х			
Alice Yellowbank	Х			
Dexter McNamara	Х			
Shirley Oldman	Х			
Melvin L. Kiogima				X
Beatrice Law	Х			

Date:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

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