

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2009-010
GJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN
LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

SECTION I. PURPOSE

This Statute is hereby enacted to establish the Anishinaabemowin Department for promoting and revitalizing Anishinaabemowin. This Statute is in honor of Gijigowi, Victor Simon Kishigo, for his dedication and work to revitalize Anishinaabe Culture and Anishinaabemowin. This Statute may be cited as the “Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department”.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Anishinaabemowin” means the language spoken by the Odawa people. Art.III(B).
- B. “Department” means the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.
- C. “Tribe” means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

SECTION III. CREATION OF THE GJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN DEPARTMENT

- A. Pursuant to Article VII (D) (22) of the Tribal Constitution the Tribal Council shall have the power to: “Approve the creation or dissolution of Executive divisions or departments to promote and protect the peace, health, safety, education, and general welfare, including but not limited to cultural and natural resources, of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and its members”.
- B. The Tribal Council hereby approves the creation of the Anishinaabemowin Department titled “Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department” within the Executive Branch of government.

SECTION IV. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

- A.** The Tribe has established an Anishinaabemowin Language Program that has supported the Tribe to begin to meet its Constitutional Directive Principle: “Promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture.” Art. I (B)(1)
- B.** The Department shall begin operations with current staff of the Anishinaabemowin Program.
- C.** The Department shall have the following duties:
1. Shall promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture.
 2. Shall be responsible for administering all funds and grants to the Tribe related to Anishinaabemowin.
 3. Shall be tasked with developing Anishinaabemowin resources, including curriculum, training aids, video and audio products.
 4. Shall provide Anishinaabemowin educational programs.
 5. Shall be responsible for adopting a common method of spelling.
 6. Shall be responsible for assisting all LTBB governmental entities and enterprises with formal Anishinaabek names or requests.

SECTION V. RESTRICTIONS

- A.** All research, academic, and work products produced by the Department shall belong to the Tribe and be considered public documents.
- B.** Credits may be given for program and/or individual contributions to materials

produced by the Department.

- C. Copies may be used in educational promotion of Anishinaabemowin; all copies shall include all original credits.
- D. Copy for profit shall be prohibited.
- E. Only persons who are working towards or have obtained fluency in Anishinaabemowin shall be eligible for hire in this Department with the exception of hiring persons that provide technical expertise outside of Anishinaabemowin.

SECTION VI. REGULATIONS REQUIRED

Any regulations shall be developed by the Executive Branch and presented to Tribal Council for approval in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

The current appropriations for the Anishinaabemowin Program shall be used to implement this statute and the Executive shall present Tribal Council with future annual budgets necessary to implement this statute.

SECTION VIII. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

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SECTION IX.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly passed by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on March 8, 2009 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Melvin L. Kiogima	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dexter McNamara	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Marvin Mulholland	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Vacancy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gerald V. Chingwa	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Regina Gasco Bentley	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Beatrice A. Law	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: March 8, 2009

Beatrice Law, Legislative Leader

Date: March 8, 2009

Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on March 10, 2009 by Lisa Flynn

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: April 2, 2009

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson