

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 032521- 02

Authorization for Support to Designate Three New Wilderness Areas and One Addition to an Existing Wilderness Area on the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

- WHEREAS** The Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB or Tribe), and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- WHEREAS** The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States, the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);
- WHEREAS** According to the Wilderness Act, Pub. L. 88-577, Wilderness designation enhances protections for existing federal lands and is defined as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of Wilderness is further defined to mean an area of undeveloped land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value;

WHEREAS The areas under consideration are (1) the Ehlco area, (2) the Trap Hills, (3) Norwich Plains, and (4) the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Addition, that are located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula;

WHEREAS In accordance with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution, the Tribe and its Citizens will work together in a constructive, cooperative spirit to preserve and protect our lands, resources and Treaty Rights of the Tribe;

WHEREAS Michigan has an opportunity to secure valuable new National Wilderness areas long considered for the federal designation of Wilderness;

WHEREAS in order for an area to be designated as "Wilderness", it takes Congressional action for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports Congressional action to designate (1) the Ehlco area, (2) the Trap Hills, (3) Norwich Plains, and (4) the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Addition as Wilderness areas and include these areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal 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 March 25, 2021 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Fred Kiogima				X
Tamara Kiogima	X			
Melissa Pamp	X			
Leroy Shomin	X			
Marty Van De Car	X			
Marcella Reyes				X
Julie Shananaquet	X			
Emily Proctor	X			

Date: 03/25/2021 Emily Proctor
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 03/25/2021 Julie Shananaquet
 Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 3/26/2021 by [Signature]

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: 4-20-2021 Regina Gasco-Bentley
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

Received from the Executive on 04.22.2021 by [Signature]