

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 061021- 02

Declaring a Climate Emergency and Climate Change Action Plan

WHEREAS The Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and rights of self-governance;

WHEREAS The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States, the most recent of which are the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is governed by a Tribal Constitution adopted by the citizens of the Tribe on February 1, 2005;

WHEREAS A “Climate Emergency Declaration” or declaring a climate emergency is an action taken by governments and scientists to acknowledge humanity is in a climate emergency;

WHEREAS Declaring such an emergency stresses the need for the government and administration to devise measures that try and stop human-caused global warming and requires a plan that lays out strategies, including specific measures, to reduce GHG emissions;

WHEREAS In 2019, total greenhouse gas emissions, including land-use change, reached a new high of 59.1 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (GtCO_{2e});

WHEREAS In order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians’ Climate Change Action Plan needs to lay out a strategy, that

measures current GHG emissions and sets new standards to reduce GHG emissions;

WHEREAS Such new standards shall include: utilizes the newest “energy codes”, eliminating the use of plastic straws, reducing paper consumption, reducing CO2 emissions, utilizing electric and hybrid vehicles, utilizing solar, biodiesel and alternative energy sources, in order to achieve a negative carbon footprint.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians the declares a Climate Emergency.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Executive shall form a Climate Emergency task-force to evaluate the Tribe’s current carbon usage and shall report their findings to Tribal Council by the end of 2021. The reports shall include calculations of use of the following: natural gas, propane, gasoline, diesel, consumables, electricity, food consumption, and other measurables that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Climate Emergency task-force shall develop a Climate Change Action Plan for Tribal Council approval by the end of 2021. The plan shall apply, but not limited to, the following strategies: all new construction meet the newest “energy codes” no later than December of 2021; eliminate use of plastic straws no later than December of 2022; minimize or eliminate paper consumption no later than December of 2023; develop mitigation plans for CO2 emissions no later than December of 2023; replace all short-range transportation to electric no later than December of 2025; replace all long-range transportation with hybrid vehicles no later than December of 2025; replace all equipment to biodiesel no later than December of 2026; match tribal electricity use with solar contributions to the grid no later than December of 2030; and establish a negative carbon footprint no later than December of 2031.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the Climate Emergency task-force shall be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the approved Climate Change Action Plan.

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 June 10, 2021 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			
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: 6/10/2021 Emily Proctor
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 6-10-2021 Julie Shananaquet
 Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

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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: 7-14-2021 Regina Gasco-Bentley
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

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