

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 102121-08

Authorization of *the COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II* that allows a one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) payment to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens to come from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) and American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds

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 on March 16, 2020, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians declared Tribal State of Emergency in order to promote the special care of health, educational and economic interests of all the people, especially our children and elders;

WHEREAS the Tribe received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) and American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds that may be used by the Tribe for *Impacts on Households and Individuals* as a result of the public health emergency;

WHEREAS Department of the Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77, Interim final rule the *Impacts on Households and Individuals*: “The public health emergency, including the necessary measures taken

to protect public health, resulted in significant economic and financial hardship for many Americans.” and “Although many have returned to work, as of April 2021, the economy remains 8.2 million jobs below its pre-pandemic peak, and more than 3 million workers have dropped out of the labor market altogether relative to February 2020.” and “Rates of unemployment are particularly severe among workers of color and workers with lower levels of educational attainment;

WHEREAS further the Interim final rule states: “the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are particularly pronounced in certain communities and families. Low- and moderate-income jobs make up a substantial portion of both total pandemic job losses, and jobs that require in-person frontline work, which are exposed to greater risk of contracting COVID-19. Both factors compound pre-existing vulnerabilities and the likelihood of food, housing, or other financial insecurity in low- and moderate-income families and, given the concentration of low- and moderate-income families within certain communities, raise a substantial risk that the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency will be amplified within these communities”;

WHEREAS in order to assist Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens, the Tribe has authorized the **COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II** that allows for a one-time payment to its Tribal Citizens of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) to be paid from CARES and ARP funds and tax exempt under the WOS 2017-002 General Welfare Statute.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council authorizes and approves the allocation of funds in the amount of six million dollars, seven hundred and twenty-six thousand (\$6,726,000.00) to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding the **COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II**, to come from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) (\$500,000) and American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds (\$6,226,000).

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council authorized the **COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II** that allows for a one-time payment to its Tribal Citizens in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) to come from CARES and ARP funding.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the one-time payment, issued in accordance with the **COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy II**, to its Tribal Citizens of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) will be tax exempt under the WOS 2017-002 General Welfare Statute.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the Constitution the Executive Branch shall administer such funds as appropriated by Tribal Council.

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 October 21, 2021 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Kiogima	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tamara Kiogima	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
William Ortiz	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aaron Otto	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Melissa Pamp	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Marty Van De Car	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Leroy Shomin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Marcella Reyes	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Emily Proctor	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: 10/21/2021 *Emily Proctor*

 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 10/21/2021 *Marcella R. Reyes*

 Marcella Reyes, Tribal Council Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 10/22/2021 by *Sakata Wortington*

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: 10-22-2021 *Regina Gasco Bentley*

 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

Received from the Executive on 10.22.2021 by *[Signature]*