

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 031722-QQ

Authorization of the *COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy III* that allows a one thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) payment to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Citizens to come from American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds in the amount of Four million, Four hundred, Seventy thousand Dollars (\$4,470,000.00)

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.”;

WHEREAS further the Interim final rule states: “the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are particularly pronounced in certain low- and moderate-income communities and families;

WHEREAS according to the White House news briefings, “*COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unconventional recession, and we do not expect the recovery will be typical either. While the paramount policy goals are to control the virus, get to full employment, and make the necessary investments for a more resilient and inclusive recovery, economic uncertainties and risks demand careful attention going forward. One risk the Administration is monitoring closely is inflation.*”

WHEREAS inflation has cause significant economic and financial hardship for LTBB Tribal Citizens, just the increase cost of gas, food, rent, and heating energy costs alone have left many struggling, leaving the untenable choice of either going without or going into debt which will impact their future finances;

WHEREAS the global COVID-19 Health Emergency, has caused LTBB Citizens to experience inflation, supply chain issues and/or economic uncertainties causing financial hardship, including the unanticipated additional expenditures of higher costs of cost of gas, car payments, medical expenses, food, rent, and heating energy costs and other general health and welfare expenses as a result of the COVID-19 Health Emergency;

WHEREAS while President Biden’s “Build Back Better” bill languishes in Congress, the long-term financial impact of COVID-19 has impacted supply chains, and raised inflation which will increase poverty in 2022 for many Tribal families, so 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 III** that allows for a one-time payment to its Tribal Citizens of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to be paid from ARP funds and is 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 four million, four hundred, seventy thousand dollars (\$4,470,000.00) to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of funding the **COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy III**, to come from American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds.

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 III** that allows for a one-time payment to its Tribal Citizens in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to come from ARP funding.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the one-time payment, issued in accordance with the **COVID-19 Financial Impact Relief Payment Program Policy III**, to its Tribal Citizens of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) 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 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 March 17, 2022 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

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

Date: 03/17/22 _____
Emily Proctor
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 03/17/22 _____
Marcella R. Reyes
 Marcella Reyes, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 3/18/2022 by *Lakota Woodman*

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: 3/31/22 _____
Regina Gasco Bentley
 Regina Gasco-Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

Received by the Legislative Office _____
Regina Gasco Bentley
(KO) Date
[Signature] 4.4.2022