

# **LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS WAGANAKISING ODAWAK TRIBAL CODE of LAW**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The first title in the Code is the Tribal Constitution that was adopted on February 1, 2005. The remainder of the titles are located in their own separate files in succession and named accordingly. Since all the titles should be considered as one document in their entirety, in order to preserve the continuity in the Waganakising Odawak Tribal Code of Law (WOTCL) for convenience the Titles have also been merged to one document and posted on the LTBB Website. Additionally the Title have been posted separately as well as the Chapters within the Titles.

This Code contains all laws enacted by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians that were current and in effect through the current codification date located in the footer of each Title. To ensure that all legislative information is up to date, users should check the LTBB Website at [www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov) to obtain any Tribal Statutes or Resolutions that are enacted after the current codification date.

Included in the Code of Law are Resolutions. Resolutions carry the force of law and are categorized by “pre- “and “post-” Constitution. Absence within the pre-Constitution section is years 2002-2005, and years 2005 through June of 2008 from the post-Constitution section. Please see the Tribal web-site for these additional Resolutions.

Under Title XVI. “RESCISSION AND REPEALED RESOLUTUIONS” is a section of the Code that categorizes all of the Resolutions that “rescind and repeal” prior Resolutions. This section is divided by “pre” and “post” Constitution.

**TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS:** The Tribal Council chronologically identifies the statutes it passes as "Waganakising Odawak Statute *year+number*." For instance, the first statute enacted in 1999 was "Waganakising Odawak Statute 1999-001," the tenth statute enacted in 2005 was "Waganakising Odawak Statute 2005-010," etc. In this Code "Waganakising Odawak Statute" is abbreviated to WOS. The statutory source of each section of this Code is identified in parentheses immediately following each section showing the statute number and date of

passage by Tribal Council. This Waganakising Odawak Tribal Code is abbreviated to WOTCL. Resolutions are sourced by the date and order of adoption by Tribal Council, i.e. the first Resolution passed on September 9, 2010 would be 09092010-001.

NUMBERING: The enacted statutes are organized in this WOTCL by subject matter in a series of Titles and Chapters. The numbering of the Constitution, which appears as Title I, is left in its original format. All subsequent WOTCL sections are numbered by title, chapter and section. For instance, 6.501 is Title VI, chapter 5, section 1. Statutes are compiled within Title 2-15 and Resolutions can be found in Title 16-18.

In mid-2016 the section numbering for resolutions was re-structured to assure that each codified resolution has a new unique number assigned to it. Due to the substantial amount of resolutions being codified it was identified that the current numbering system became cumbersome and outdated. The new unique number for each codified Resolution contains the section, the month/year adopted and a consecutive alpha identifier that relates to the number of Resolutions adopted during that month and year within the respective Title, i.e. for a Funding Resolution adopted in March 2017 the Resolution would be codified in Title 18, Chapter 1 and the unique identifying number would look like this: 18.200(3.17)(a). If another Funding Resolution was adopted in the same month the identifying number would be 18.200(3.17)(b). Additionally for further clarification, if there was a Budgetary Matter Resolution adopted the same month and it was the 256<sup>th</sup> Budgetary Resolution codified it would be located in Title 18, Chapter 2 and the identifying number would look like this: 18.256(3.17)(a). Even though it was adopted the same month the Budgetary Resolution does not carry the next consecutive alpha identifier “(c)” because it is located in a different chapter.

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