

## Chapter 7. Lewis and Doris Adams' Tribal Holiday

### 6.701 SHORT TITLE AND PURPOSE

#### A. Short Title

This Statute may be cited as the "Adams Tribal Holiday".

#### B. Purpose

The purpose of the Adams Tribal Holiday is to bestow posthumously upon Lewis Stephen Adams Sr. and Doris Amelia Kishigo-Adams the Tribe's greatest honors and accolades by setting aside a special day of recognition for their many contributions and gifts to our Tribal community.

(Source: WOS 2009-017, July 12, 2009, Section I)

### 6.702 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND FINDINGS

Tribal Council acknowledges and finds the following:

- A. Lewis Stephen Adams Sr, Wyaudtnoong (Little Detroit) was born June 22,1922; married Doris Amelia Kishigo July 25,1946; and walked on January 27,1964;
- B. As a young man Lewis was winner of the *1937 National Soap Box Derby* at Akron Ohio and later went on to win local notoriety as a *Golden Gloves Boxer*;
- C. Lewis served honorably in the United States Marine Corp from 1942 to 1946 seeing action on the volcanic island of Iwo Jima;
- D. As a veteran he was Commander of *AMVETS Post 50* (an all Indian post), he organized toy collection repairs and delivery for the Indian Orphanage in Marquette and was a friend of Ira Hayes;
- E. He started the Little Traverse Indian Club of Harbor Springs and helped organize the last *Hiawatha Pageant* in Ottawa Stadium;

- F.** Lewis’s reputation as a community leader prompted a request from Governor Williams of Michigan for a Traditional Blessing and Ceremony for the Mackinaw Bridge that was rapidly nearing completion;
- G.** In 1955, on top of the northern tower of the Mackinaw Bridge, Lewis performed a Pipe Ceremony and prayed for the blessings of *Gicthi-Manitou* and the safe completion of the bridge;
- H.** Doris Amelia Adams “Gijigowi Kwe” was born Aug. 8, 1925, in Petoskey to Mitchell and Amelia Kishigo. She was a graduate of Harbor Springs schools, and later married Lewis Adams, with whom she had seven children. Doris walked on February 11, 2008, at the age of 82. When Lewis died unexpectedly from a heart attack at the age of 41, Doris, who had been a stay-at-home mom for several years, took on two jobs to support her family — one at the *Community Action Agency*, and another as a bartender for *Birchwood Farms Lodge*.
- I.** After working with the *Community Action Agency* for several years Doris was offered a position with the *State of Michigan Department of Labor*, where she worked for more than 30 years. She served as an equal employment opportunity specialist, as well as a civil rights representative for nine Lower Peninsula counties and the entire Upper Peninsula.
- J.** During her time of working for the State, Doris attended the University of Michigan and later completed her business degree at Western Michigan University at the age of 56.
- K.** In addition to being an active member of the *Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) of Odawa Indians*, Doris served for several years on the *Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs*. She was instrumental in writing the *Indian Tribal Welfare Act*, as well as being the only non-reservation Indian to speak at the hearings on the *Indian Education Act* in Washington D.C.
- L.** At the time of her retirement, Doris was honored by the U.S. Congress for her lifelong commitment to public service.
- M.** Doris continued her public service working for the LTBB Odawa Indians Membership Committee until 2005.

**N.** In 1998, the LTBB Tribal Council appointed Doris to a six-year term as a tribal appellate judge. She served in this capacity until September of 2003.

(Source: WOS 2009-017, July 12, 2009, Section II)

### **6.703 CREATION OF ADAMS HOLIDAY**

**A.** The Tribal Council hereby creates the Adams Holiday as a recognized Tribal Holiday.

**B.** The Holiday will be held on the first Monday in September.

(Source: WOS 2009-017, July 12, 2009, Section III)

### **6.704 SAVINGS CLAUSE**

In the event that any phrase, provision, part, paragraph, subsection or section of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to violate the Constitution, laws or ordinances of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, such phrase, provision, paragraph, subsection or section shall be considered to stand alone and to be deleted from this ordinance, the entirety of the balance of the ordinance to remain in full and binding force and effect.

(Source: WOS 2009-017, July 12, 2009, Section IV)

### **6.705 EFFECTIVE DATE**

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval whichever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.

(Source: WOS 2009-017, July 12, 2009, Section V)