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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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Executive Directive 58-04012025-01

State of Emergency and Major Disaster Declaration

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has been impacted by and is immediately threatened by a 100-year winter ice storm. The ice storm began on the night of March 29, 2025, and continues through the date of this declaration, with freezing rain and accumulating ice downing trees and power lines, causing widespread power outages on the Tribe's reservations and throughout its historical reservation, rendering roads unsafe and in some cases impassable.

As the Chairperson of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, I declare a state of emergency and major disaster to initiate and direct emergency response and recovery actions. The Tribe's Emergency Plan is activated, assigning and making available for duty all tribal emergency personnel, resources, and property for response efforts.

All employees are hereby directed to exercise diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of applicable laws, regulations, and directives.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

The Tribal Emergency Operations Center is operating at limited capacity. All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to Safety and Emergency Management Director David Thom at (231) 445-8603 or Chief Law Enforcement Officer Terrence McDonnell at (586) 615-1833.

This order is effective April 1, 2025 and will remain in effect until rescinded or succeeded by Executive Order or by Tribal Council action with Executive concurrence.

Regina Gasco, Tribal Chairperson