

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

DECLARATION 112209-001

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Councilors may sign onto a Declaration as individual Councilors. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribal Council in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.

In February of 2009, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Carcieri vs. Salzar* that the word “now” in the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act to mean then -1934- and would not allow land into trust for the Narragansett Tribe because the tribe was not federally recognized in 1934.

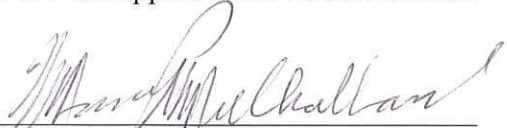
Two bills have been introduced into Congress to create a legislative “fix” to the *Carcieri* decision, HR 3742 (Kildee) and HR 3697 (Cole).

In accordance with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution:


“ IN THE WAYS OF OUR ANCESTORS, to perpetuate our way of life for future generations, we the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, called in our own language the WAGANAKISING ODAWAK, a sovereign, self-governing people who follow the Anishinaabe Traditions, Heritage, and Cultural Values, set forth within this Constitution the foundation of our governance.

We will work together in a constructive, cooperative spirit to preserve and protect our lands, . . .”

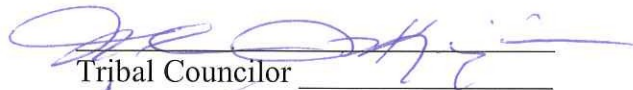
The undersigned Tribal Councilors declare that they understand the sacred relationship between the Tribes and lands of their Ancestors and urge the passage of HR 3742 and HR 3697 in support of all Tribal Nations.


Tribal Councilor MARVIN MULHOLLAND

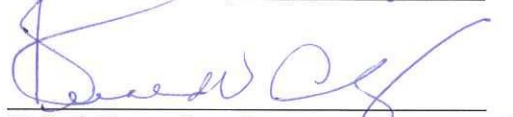
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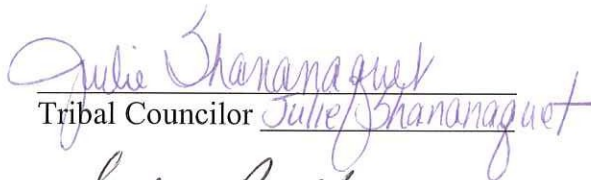
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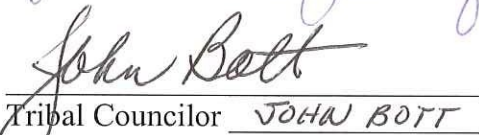
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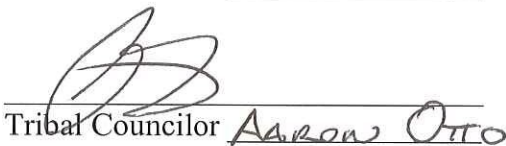
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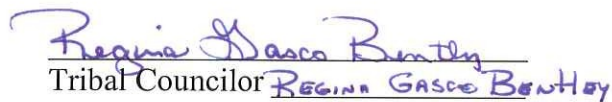
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Tribal Councilor ARON OTTO

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Tribal Councilor REGINA GASCO BENTLEY

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A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.