

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS**

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

**DECLARATION 040915-01**

**Statement of Support of a Public Forum on Hydraulic Fracturing**

*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, along with the Tribal Chair. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribe in any manner.*

*Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.*

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance; and

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 being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621); and

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 resources and Treaty Rights, ... In keeping faith with our Ancestors, we shall preserve our Heritage while adapting to the present world around us...” and*

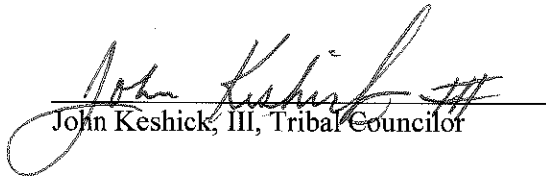
North Central Michigan College, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and For Love of Water (FLOW) would like to collaborate with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to host a public forum on hydraulic fracturing in the fall of 2015.

The forum would have expert speakers to provide information and context on an issue that is controversial and complex.

The Tribe has questions about the potential impact of fracking and would like to have further expert opinions on the issue and the undersigned Tribal Councilors and Chair declare that they support a public forum on Hydraulic Fracturing.

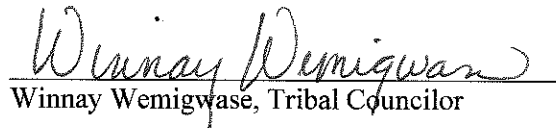
A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.

Signed on this date: April 9, 2015

  
John Keshick, III, Tribal Councilor

  
Bill Denemy, Tribal Councilor

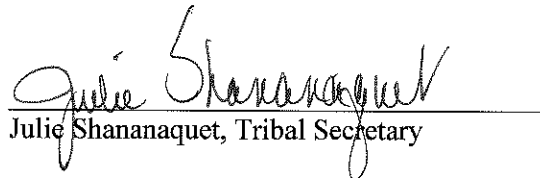
  
Beatrice Law, Tribal Councilor

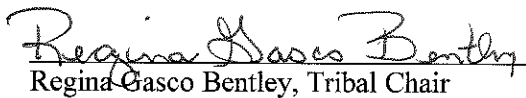
  
Winnay Wemigwase, Tribal Councilor

  
Mike Naganasha, Tribal Councilor

  
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Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chair