

Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

DECLARATION

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Support of the Michigan State University
Research Team's submission of Solicitation NIJ-2014-3897:
Methodological Research to Support NIJ's Program of Research Examining
Violence and Victimization of American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) Youth**

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

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);

The Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribe;

The Tribal Council finds the lack of national data concerning Native American and Alaska Native youth on violence and victimization to be a major concern to Tribal communities throughout the nation, and in particular the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians;

The Tribal Council finds that the continued lack of national data concerning Native American and Alaska Native youth on violence and victimization to be an impediment to the development of criminal justice policy and practice in the U.S., and for Tribal communities like the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians;


The Tribal Council finds that a national study that will provide data to Tribal communities to develop programs to identify, prevent, and intervene in incidences of Native American and Alaska Native youth violence and victimization, a study that does not target the youth as perpetrators of crime, but leads to helping support youth by identifying indicators of violence and victimization, is long overdue;

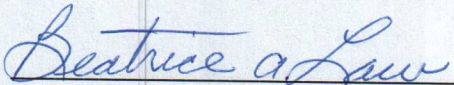
For the above stated reasons, the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians officially and publicly declares its support of the Michigan State University research team of Drs. Silvey, Griffore, and Phenice to undertake the study of violence and victimization of Native American and Alaska Native youth on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in the State of Michigan;

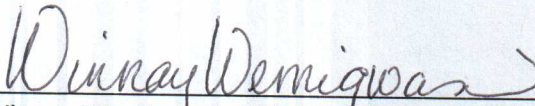
And further, that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians officially and publicly declares its support of the Michigan State University research team to collect data on Native American and Alaska Native youth concerning violence and victimization in an effort to develop an approach of precautionary and preventative practices for policies and actions on behalf of Tribal communities in Michigan and throughout the U.S.

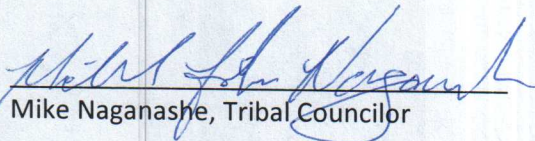
Signed on this date: June 22, 2014


John Keshick, III, Tribal Councilor

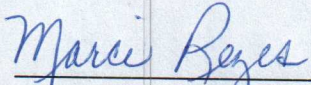

Bill Denemy, Tribal Councilor

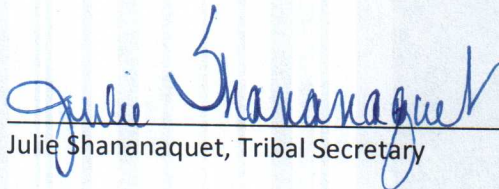

Beatrice Law, Tribal Councilor

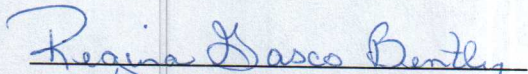

Winnay Wemigwase, Tribal Councilor


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Regina Gasco Bentley, Legislative Leader

A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office and the Tribal Chair/Vice Chair Office.