

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

DECLARATION

Statement of Support of Blacks Lives Matter

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. Declarations shall be approved by Tribal Council motion.

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

From our experiences as oppressed people, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribe sets forth this Declaration to stop state violence and systems of oppression that traumatize us and other minority communities, and make it simultaneously impossible for the much-needed healing within communities.

We support the Black Lives Matter community and grieve the loss of George Floyd and the countless others who lost their lives at the hands of rogue law enforcement and other racist actions.

The undersigned Tribal Councilors and Tribal Chair declare that they denounce hate and racism for the reasons set forth in this Declaration and stand in solidarity with the "Black Lives Matter".

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

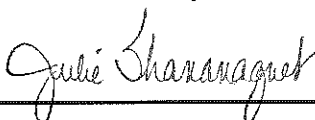
Motion approved by Tribal Council on June 11, 2020, and endorsed by the Tribal Chair:

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader
Marcella Reyes, Treasurer
Tamara Kiogima, Tribal Councilor
Melissa Pamp, Tribal Councilor
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Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chair



Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
Date June 11, 2020



Secretary Julie Shananaquet
Date June 11, 2020



Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley
Date June 12, 2020