

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2012-004
GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

SECTION I. PURPOSE

This Statute is hereby enacted to establish the Anishinaabemowin Department for promoting and revitalizing Anishinaabemowin. This Statute is in honor of Gijigowi, Victor Simon Kishigo, for his dedication and work to revitalize Anishinaabe Culture and Anishinaabemowin. This statute rescinds and replaces “Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi” WOS 2010-008.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. “**Anishinaabemowin**” means the language spoken by the Odawa people in accordance with the Constitution, Article III (B).
- B. “**Cultural**” means aspects of the Odawa history, spirituality, traditions, arts, values and mannerisms.
- C. “**Cultural Proficiency**” means the knowledge, skills, and attitudes/beliefs that enable a person to work well with, respond effectively to, and be supportive of the Odawa Citizens and Community.
- D. “**Department**” means the Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department.
- E. “**Tribe**” or “**LTBB**” means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

SECTION III. CREATION OF THE GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN DEPARTMENT

- A. Pursuant to Article VII (D) (22) of the Tribal Constitution the Tribal Council shall have

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the power to: “Approve the creation or dissolution of Executive divisions or departments to promote and protect the peace, health, safety, education, and general welfare, including but not limited to cultural and natural resources, of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and its members”.

B. The Tribal Council hereby approves the creation of the Anishinaabemowin Department titled “Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department” within the Executive Branch of government and shall be overseen by the Language Department Director.

SECTION IV. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES

A. The Department shall have the following duties:

1. Shall promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture.
2. Shall be responsible for administering all funds and grants to the Tribe related to Anishinaabemowin.
3. Shall be tasked with developing Anishinaabemowin resources, including curriculum, training aids, video and audio products.
4. Shall provide Anishinaabemowin educational programs.
5. Shall be responsible for adopting a common method of spelling.
6. Shall be responsible for assisting all LTBB governmental entities and enterprises with formal Anishinaabek names or requests.

SECTION V. STAFFING

A. If appropriate, the Department shall begin operations with currently employed LTBB staff as designated by the Executive.

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- B.** All research, academic, and work products produced by the Department shall belong to the Tribe and be considered public documents.
- C.** Credits may be given for program and/or individual contributions to materials produced by the Department.
- D.** Copies may be used in educational promotion of Anishinaabemowin; all copies shall include all original credits.
- E.** Copy for profit shall be prohibited.
- F.** Only persons working towards or have obtained fluency in Anishinaabemowin and possess Cultural Proficiency shall be eligible for hire in this Department with the exception of hiring persons that provide technical expertise outside of Anishinaabemowin.

SECTION VI. REGULATIONS REQUIRED

Any regulations shall be developed by the Executive Branch and presented to Tribal Council for approval in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

The Tribe has established an Anishinaabemowin Language Program within the Gijigowi Bibskaabiimi Department. Upon the enactment of this Statute, the language program funds will be moved under the Language Department along with any additional supplemental funds necessary to meet the obligations of this Statute; and the Executive shall present Tribal Council with future annual budgets necessary to implement this statute.

SECTION VIII. REPEAL

Any Statute, Resolution or Regulation, or portion therein, that is in conflict with this Statute is repealed upon the effective date of this Statute.

SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval whichever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto AND the passage of Waganakising Odawak Statute Education Department and Waganakising Odawak Statute Department of the Repatriation, Archives and Records.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly passed by override by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on April 22, 2012 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Belinda Bardwell	X			
Bill A. Denemy	X			
Kevin Gasco	X			
John Keshick	X			
Aaron Otto				X
Winnay Wemigwase	X			
John Bott	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima		X		

Date: 4/22/12

Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader

Date: 4-22-12

Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005. The Tribal Council hereby overrides the Executive veto.