

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

DECLARATION # 030322-01

**Statement of Support for Michigan House Bill H. 5706, Amendment to the
“Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act”**

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 Tribal 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

The recently introduced Michigan House Bill 5706 provides authority for the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency to enter into agreements with Indian tribes concerning marihuana-related regulatory issues that involve both state and tribal interests, including, but not limited to, issues related to the commercial growing, processing, sale, testing, transportation, and possession of marihuana.

This bill would also recognize the Tribe’s jurisdiction and allow for the Tribe to receive a portion of the Excise Tax that is collected by the State of Michigan that will be allocated in proportion to the number of marihuana retail stores and marihuana microbusinesses within the Tribes jurisdiction.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribe support the recently introduced Michigan House Bill H. 5706, Amendment to the “Michigan Regulation and Taxation of

Marihuana Act” and is interested in entering into an agreement with the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency.

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

Motion approved by Tribal Council on March 3, 2022 by:

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