

Chapter 3. William Ray Kiogima and Helen Agnes Kiogima Noozwin Act

2.301 PURPOSE

The right of an individual to choose what they are called by others is a fundamental human right that has been practiced for as long as the Odawak have given themselves names. There have been cultural, spiritual, traditional, and personal reasons for name changes throughout our history and many people have carried four or more names at one time. This Statute is hereby enacted to enable Tribal Citizens the opportunity to have multiple names and change their name.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section I)

2.302 DEFINITIONS

The “**Tribe**” shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

- A.** “**Noozwin**” shall mean what a person is called by others.
- B.** “**Name**” shall mean what a person is called by others.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section II)

2.303 APPLICATION

A citizen of the Tribe shall have the authority to:

- A.** choose their own name and;
- B.** have more than one name and;
- C.** choose what titles, prefixes or suffixes if any may or may not be added to their name and;
- D.** choose whether or not humans may use noozwin that is not their legal identity and;
- E.** choose which name shall be used for legal identity

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section III)

2.304 CONDITIONS

The Tribal Executive shall:

- A. publish legal identity name changes of adults and;
- B. maintain a database of at least
- C. keep a history of each Tribal Citizen's legal identity and;
- D. establish fees that do not exceed \$15.00 for name changes including the fee for a new Tribal Identity card.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section IV)

2.305 REGULATIONS REQUIRED

The Tribal Executive shall:

- A. Establish Tribal Codes of Regulation to implement this statute.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section V)

2.306 EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

- A. The Tribal Executive is hereby mandated to implement this Act and to enforce all approved Tribal Codes of Regulation.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section VI)

2.307 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.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section VII)

2.308 EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first and approval of Tribal Regulations.

(Source: WOS 2006-001, January 8, 2006, Section VIII)