

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

DECLARATION 082210-002

**Statement in Opposition to the Frontier Energy Project Because of the
Devastating Impact on Tribe's Culture**

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Councilors may sign onto a Declaration as individual Councilors. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribal Council in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.

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

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Government and staff have been active in work to protect the environment for both our present citizens and coming generations through approval and implementation of a body of tribal laws and regulations; and

The Tribe has concerns about the potential impact that Frontier energy project will have on land, air and water impacting the culture of the Tribe; and

This project will take wood from approximately a 150 mile radius. This radius would encompass 80 percent of the public lands with in the 1836 Ceded Territory Treaty area which the Tribe uses for hunting for subsistence and gathering of medicines; and

The Tribe has a concern as to whether the use of hard woods to sustain the Frontier energy project will impact the wildlife and plant medicines found within the forests; and

The Tribe has concerns about the amount of water that will be used to sustain the Frontier energy project along with the potential discharge of water into the Munuscong Watershed that may contain contaminants; and

The Tribe is concerned about the potential toxics that might be emitted into the air by the Frontier energy project including such contaminants as NOx, CO, VOC, PM, SO2, and other Toxic Air Contaminants already in the area; and.

The undersigned Tribal Councilors declare that they understand the sacred relationship between the Tribes the lands and waters of their Ancestors and declare that the Frontier energy project will have an impact on the cultural traditions of the Tribe and without further information we are unable to support this project.

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

Signed on this date: Aug 22, 2010

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Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Councilor

Belinda Bardwell, Tribal Councilor

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