

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

DECLARATION 090912-01

**Statement in Support of Reaffirmation of Burt Lake Band
of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Officers may sign onto a Declaration as individuals. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribe 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;

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);

The position of the Tribes is that Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians historically known as the Cheboigan (or Cheboygan) Band, is federally recognized by the United States through Treaty. Specifically, the Burt Lake Band was separately represented and separately signed the Treaties of 1836 and 1855;

The 1836 Treaty of Washington provided that the Cheboigan Band would receive a reservation of 1,000 acres on the Cheboigan, within its aboriginal territory, for a period of five years after ratification of that treaty but the United States failed to provide that reservation;

The 1855 Treaty of Detroit provided that Ottawa and Chippewa Indians could select individual allotments of land within designated reserves, and two townships were set aside for selection by the "Cheboygan Band" in Cheboygan County. Those members

who selected allotments within that area were not awarded those individual land holdings until three years after a special Act of Congress was passed in 1872;

Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has never been terminated by the United States Congress;

Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians continues to exist as a distinct Tribal entity;

Fundamental justice requires reaffirmation of the status of that Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians as a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

The undersigned Tribal Councilors, Tribal Chair and Vice Chair declare that they are in support of the reaffirmation of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Signed on this date: _____


Tribal Councilor _____

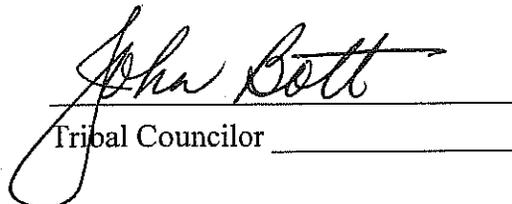
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Tribal Councilor _____

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Dexter McNamee
Tribal Chair _____

Date: 10-15-12

Jessie Skanaguet
Vice Chair _____

Date: 10-16-12

A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office and the Tribal Chair/Vice Chair Office.