

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

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**RESOLUTION # *033000-02***

**ASKING CONGRESS TO MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A LINE ITEM  
IN THE FY 2001 BUDGET FOR TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
FUNDING THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

- WHEREAS:** The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, a Federally recognized Indian tribe, finds promotion of education to be critical to the future and well-being of the Tribe and its members;
- WHEREAS:** In the School Improvement Amendments of 1988, Pub. L. No. 100-297, Congress authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Departments through the U.S. Department of the Interior, and
- WHEREAS:** The President's FY 2001 Budget does not request funding within the Interior Department for Tribal Education Departments; and
- WHEREAS:** Federal funds for Tribal Education Departments are a vital part of the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and Indian tribal nations, as embodied in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, other acts of Congress, and the trust responsibility; and
- WHEREAS:** Indian education reports and research recommend that Tribal Education Departments be federally-funded so they can be empowered to improve educational conditions for tribal students; and
- WHEREAS:** Even though the President has not asked for Tribal Education Department funding, Congress can make a special request for such funding by way of a line item;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hereby resolves and asks that Congress make a special request for line item funding through the U.S. Department of the Interior in the amount of \$5 million for Tribal Education Departments.

**Certification**

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians on 3-30, 2000 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Gerald Chingwa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Dorothy Gasco	_____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rita Shananaquet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Janet Shomin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Susan Wysocki	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Date: 3-30-00

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Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Chairman 0