

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

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**RESOLUTION # 070900-01**  
**INTER-TRIBAL TAX NEGOTIATIONS**

**WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe possessing inherent sovereignty, and federal statutory and common law rights of self governance over the Tribe, its members, territory and all those within its territory;

**WHEREAS** based on the Tribe's inherent sovereignty as interpreted through Federal common and statutory law, various federal and state taxes do not apply to the Tribe, its members or within Indian country;

**WHEREAS** it is essential to the economic well being of the Tribe and its members that their legal rights regarding the inapplicability of certain state and federal taxes are fully upheld;

**WHEREAS** all Federally recognized tribes in Michigan share a strong common interest in upholding the inapplicability of such taxes, and the Tribes expressed their common interest through a joint resolution adopted in March, 2000 at the Three Fires Conference held at the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation which Resolution states that the Tribes will negotiate jointly with the State of Michigan to protect their legal rights regarding taxation;

**THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports the formation of an inter-tribal work group to formulate a collective strategy for addressing tax issues with the State of Michigan which may include the development of an inter-tribal agreement with the State;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribe appoints its attorney, James A. Bransky, to represent the Tribe and act on the Tribe's behalf in the work group and in inter-tribal negotiations with the State of Michigan. Provided, the Tribal Council must approve any draft agreement developed by the work group prior to its submission to the State of Michigan, and any agreement reached through negotiations with the State of Michigan must be approved by the Tribal Council prior to execution by the Tribal Chairperson.

**Certification**

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, the undersigned certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on July 9, 2000 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	✓	_____	_____	_____
Gerald Chingwa	✓	_____	_____	_____
Dorothy Gasco	✓	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	✓	_____	_____	_____
Janet Shomin	✓	_____	_____	_____
Susan Wysocki	✓	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	✓	_____	1 _____	_____

Date: 07/09/00

Gerald Chingwa, Tribal Chairman (1)

Dorothy Gasco, Tribal Secretary