

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

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RESOLUTION #042102-01
Funding for Mental Health Care

- WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB") seeks to promote the health and well-being of its members through a variety of health and human services programs, including providing appropriate support, care, and counseling on mental health issues;
WHEREAS the United States Federal Government has a trust responsibility to LTBB and its members based on the historic dealings between the United States and Indian tribes, the treaties entered into between the United States and Indian tribes, and in particular, the treaties to which LTBB was a party, the most recent being the Treaty of March 28, 1836, 7 Stat. 491, and the Treaty of 1855, 11 Stat. 621;
WHEREAS the trust responsibility of the United States includes adequate support for the provision of comprehensive health services, including mental health;
WHEREAS Public Law 103-324 states that "[t]he Bands [LTBB and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians] and their members shall be eligible for all services and benefits provided by the Federal Government to Indians because of their status as federally recognized Indians;"
WHEREAS in spite of this directive of Public Law 103-324, LTBB is not receiving Indian Health Services funding for the provision of mental health services that is being provided other federally recognized tribes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that consistent with the United States' trust responsibility and Public Law 103-324, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians beseeches the Federal Government to provide funding through IHS, or any other appropriate channel, for LTBB mental health services on par with tribes of similar size.

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 at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on April 21, 2002 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of seven (7) in favor, zero (0) opposed, zero (0) abstentions, and zero (0) absent as recorded by this roll call.

Table with 5 columns: Name, In Favor, Opposed, Abstained, Absent. Rows include George Anthony, Gerald Chingwa, Frederick Harrington, Jr., Beatrice Law, Rita Shananaquet, Janet Shomin, and Alice Yellowbank.

Date: April 21, 2002

Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Chairman

Frederick R. Harrington, Jr. Tribal Secretary