

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

**RESOLUTION # 060505-01**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Thanks Those Responsible for Honoring  
Bedassige, Otherwise Known as Chief Ignatius Petoskey

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;

**WHEREAS:** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS:** Bedassige, also known as Chief Ignatius Petoskey, was a great leader of the Odawa people who made a positive impact upon at least two Nations, LTBB and the United States;

**WHEREAS:** Bedassige is historically important to LTBB, the Region and the State and is the namesake for the City of Petoskey;

**WHEREAS:** Paying tribute to the legacy of Bedassige is welcomed by the Tribe;

**WHEREAS:** Through the substantial efforts of local citizens such as Frank Stead and many others and of the City of Petoskey, a sculpture was commissioned from Master Artist Pietro Vinotti to honor Bedassige;

**WHEREAS:** This bronze casting will be installed in a prominent position in Petoskey overlooking Little Traverse Bay and a dedication ceremony will occur on July 9, 2005;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribe wishes to acknowledge the dedicated work of the artist, local citizens, the City of Petoskey and all of those involved in this tremendous honor to Bedassige, also known as Chief Ignatius Petoskey.

**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 June 5, 2005 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Ettawageshik	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Beatrice Law	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Dexter McNamara	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          x  </u>
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Rita Shananaquet	<u>          </u>	<u>          x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Regina Gasco Bentley	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

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Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary