

**WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2006-005  
GIJIGOWI ANISHNAABEMOWIN PROGRAM**

**SECTION I. PURPOSE**

This Statute is hereby enacted to establish and fund a permanent Anishnaabemowin program tasked with promoting and revitalizing Anishnaabemowin. Additionally the intent of this statute is to provide a single program for implementing all governmental Anishnaabemowin grants and projects under the direction of the current Anishnaabemowin Program. This statute is proposed in honor of Gijigowi (Victor Kishigo) and his work revitalizing Anishinaabe Culture and Anishinaabemowin.

**SECTION II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. The "Tribe" shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- B. "Other Tribes" shall include Anishinaabeg from the First Nations of Canada.

**SECTION III. APPLICATION**

- A. The Tribe has previously established an Anishnaabemowin Language Program that has helped the Tribe begin meeting its first Constitutional directive, "Promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabe culture."
- B. This entire program and staff shall exist as a stand alone program.
- C. The program shall begin operations with current staff of the Anishnaabemowin Program and move the ANA grants under the program coordinator.
- D. This program shall be tasked with developing Anishnaabemowin: curriculum, training aids, video and audio products.
- E. This program shall provide Anishnaabemowin education programs.
- F. This program shall be responsible for administering *all* grants to the Tribe associated with Anishnaabemowin.
- G. This program shall be responsible for adopting a common method of spelling.
- H. Any dictionaries produced by this program shall be entirely in Anishinaabemowin without translations.

**SECTION IV. RESTRICTIONS**

- A. All research, academic, and work product produced by the program shall belong to the Tribe and be considered public documents.
- B. All educational materials resulting from this program shall be provided to learners free of cost on the Internet and at cost of reproduction locally.
- C. Credits may be given for program and or individual contributions to materials.
- D. Copies may be used in promotion of Anishnaabemowin, all copies shall include all original credits.
- E. Copy for profit shall be prohibited.
- F. Only persons who are working towards or have obtained fluency in Anishnaabemowin shall be eligible for hire in this program with the exception of hiring short term contractors that provide technical expertise outside of language.
- G. While non-Tribal members may be hired they shall have contracts limited to the following:

- a. Fluent members of other Tribes, three years.
- b. Non-Indians, 6 months.
- c. All current employment contracts shall be grandfathered.
- d. This section does not apply to contracting outside services.

## **SECTION V. REGULATIONS REQUIRED**

- A. None.

## **SECTION VI. PROCEDURES REQUIRED**

- A. Hiring procedures for this program shall be defined by the program and include the definitions: working towards fluency, master instructor, instructor mentor, and instructor mentee.

## **SECTION VII. APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED**

- A. The current appropriations for the Anishinaabemowin Program shall be used to implement this statute and the Executive shall present Tribal Council with future annual Budgets including the appropriations necessary to implement this statute.

## **SECTION VIII. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY**

- A. The Tribal Executive is hereby mandated to implement this Act and to enforce all approved Tribal Codes of Regulation and to implement all required Administrative Procedures.

## **SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

## **SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.

### **Certification**

As the Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly enacted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on May 7, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 2

opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Mary Roberts	X			
Rita Shananaquet		X		
Alice Yellowbank	X			
Shirley Oldman		X		
Melvin L. Kiogima	X			
Beatrice A. Law	X			

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

Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

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

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

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

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson