

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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RESOLUTION #09109504

WHEREAS the United States has a trust responsibility to protect and promote the rights of Indian tribes and people;

WHEREAS legal representation through Indian Legal services programs funded by the Legal Services Corporation has been essential to carrying out the United States' trust responsibility;

WHEREAS many Indian tribes, groups and individuals cannot afford legal assistance in the absence of such Indian Legal Services programs;

WHEREAS Michigan Indian Legal Services is the only source of legal assistance to deal with unique Indian legal issues in the State of Michigan for Indian people who cannot afford to hire a lawyer;

WHEREAS Michigan Indian Legal Services has very effectively provided legal assistance to Indian people in Michigan for twenty years producing positive results for its clients and the general population of the State;

WHEREAS because of the Federal trust responsibility to Indian people and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes, it is essential that funding for Indian legal services programs come directly from the Federal government rather than through the states;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians urges the United States Congress to continue funding for Michigan Indian Legal Services and other Indian Legal Services programs at least at current levels with increases at the rate of

inflation;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians urges the United States Congress to retain such funding as a separate budget line item;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians urges the United States Congress to continue such funding directly from the Federal government and not through the states.

Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 10, 1995 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

September 10, 1995

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Secretary