

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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**RESOLUTION 01149701
RESOURCES FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY**

WHEREAS Motor vehicle related injuries among American Indians are four times as high as other Americans;

WHEREAS 75 percent of all fatal traffic crashes of American Indians are alcohol-related, safety belt use is lower than average, and many roadways in Indian Country are in need of safety improvements;

WHEREAS More than \$150 million is spent annually by the Indian Health Service for transportation and medical care for acutely injured Indian people, and the annual social cost of traumatic injury among American Indians is greater than \$900 million, most of which are motor vehicle crash related injuries;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is seeking to preserve the lives of our people by decreasing motor vehicle-related injury deaths and permanent disabilities;

WHEREAS We believe that serious injury and death can be reduced through greater emphasis on highway and traffic safety issues on Indian lands and building the infrastructure organization to effectively address the traffic safety problems in Indian Country;

WHEREAS Existing programs in Indian Country clearly demonstrate that the incidence of injury can be greatly reduced through improved traffic safety programs;

WHEREAS The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians acknowledges that an insignificant amount of funds have been dedicated to highway and traffic safety issues in Indian country when measured against the immensity of this problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa

Indians Tribal Council respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to become more fully engaged in this important public safety issue and to help tribes by providing desperately needed resources during the Reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, and Appropriations to other associated federal agency programs, and thereby preserve life and prevent injuries among our people.

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 special meeting of the Tribal Council called for that purpose held on January 14, 1997, at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	_____	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
Patricia Dyer-Deckrow	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Frank Ettawageshik	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Barry Laughlin	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Oldman	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Janet Shomin	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Alice Yellowbank	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____

Date: 0114-97

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Secretary