

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

CERTIFIED MOTION # 021713-01

Promote the Protection of the Wolf in Support
of a Referendum to Overturn Public Act 520

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS the State of Michigan, enacted Public Act 520 which designates the wolves as a game animal and authorizes the Natural Resources Commission to set a hunting season for the wolves in Michigan;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, according to the Tribal Constitution, Directive Principles, is directed to "*promote the preservation and revitalization of Anishinaabemowin and Anishnaabe culture*";

WHEREAS the wolf (or *Ma-engun*) is a sacred animal to our Tribe;

WHEREAS Gray wolves were put on the endangered species list in 1973, when the population in Michigan's Upper Peninsula had dwindled to six on the isolated Isle Royale;

WHEREAS Tribal Council does not recognize the killing of wolves for sport.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council opposes State of Michigan the Natural Resources Commission from setting

hunting season for the wolves in Michigan and supports a referendum to overturn Public Act 520.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council encourages the Tribal Department, Enterprises, staff and Tribal Citizens to advocate and promote the protection of the wolf from being killed for sport.

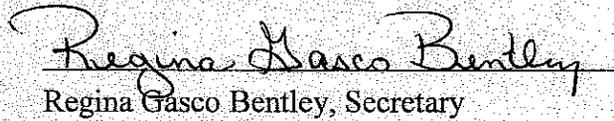
CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Certified Motion was duly approved by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held February 17, 2013 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions, 0 absent as recorded by this certification as an official action on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Date: 2/17/13


Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader

Date: 2-17-13


Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary