

# LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE

HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

## DECLARATION 120609-001

Support for the **MYSTIC LAKE DECLARATION**: From the Native Peoples Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop II, Indigenous Perspectives and Solutions  
November 21, 2009

*A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Councilors may sign onto a Declaration as individual Councilors. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribal Council in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.*

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance; and

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); and

In accordance with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution:

*“ IN THE WAYS OF OUR ANCESTORS, to perpetuate our way of life for future generations, we the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, called in our own language the WAGANAKISING ODAWAK, a sovereign, self-governing people who follow the Anishinaabe Traditions, Heritage, and Cultural Values, set forth within this Constitution the foundation of our governance.*

*We will work together in a constructive, cooperative spirit to preserve and protect our lands resources and Treaty Rights, ... In keeping faith with our Ancestors, we shall preserve our Heritage while adapting to the present world around us... ” and*

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Government and staff have been active in work to protect the environment for both our present citizens and coming

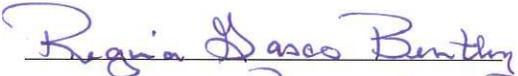
generations through approval and implementation of a body of tribal laws and regulations; by the approval and signing, with other Tribal governments and the State of Michigan, of intergovernmental accords regarding shared water resources and climate change issues; and by the approval and signing of the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty in November of 2007; and

In Tribal Resolution 051505-01, the Little Travers Bay Bands of Odawa Indians chose to adopt the goals of the Kyoto Protocols regarding greenhouse gas emissions even though the United States had not endorsed this same agreement, and by this action joined many other Native Nations throughout the world who indicated their strong concerns for the future of our Mother Earth and the changing environment in which we find ourselves; and

The Native Peoples Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop II that concluded on November 21, 2009 at the Mystic Lake Conference Center developed and adopted a Declaration that outlines concerns and suggestions over climate change and its' disproportionate effects on our Native Nations' current and coming generations. This declaration is being sent to Tribal governments with requests for resolutions of support that can be taken to the upcoming world climate change summit to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark in mid-December of 2009; the goal of this summit is to update and replace the Kyoto Protocols.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports the Mystic Lake Declaration developed and adopted at the Native Peoples Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop II: *Indigenous Perspectives and Solutions*, that concluded on November 21, 2009, and further supports the delivery of said Declaration to the Copenhagen Climate Summit to be held in December 2009.

The undersigned Tribal Councilors declare that they understand the sacred relationship between the Tribes and lands of their Ancestors and urge the passage of HR 3742 and HR 3697 in support of all Tribal Nations.

  
Tribal Councilor REGINA GASCO BENTLEY

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Tribal Councilor Legislative Leader

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A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.