RESOLUTION 03029701
SUPPORT FOR MICHIGAN TUITION WAIVER

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians firmly believes that its members and all Indian people must be afforded an opportunity for higher education;

WHEREAS the future well being of the Tribe depends largely on members of all ages succeeding in pursuing their education;

WHEREAS the Tribe strongly supports both its traditional (younger students in four year programs) and non-traditional students (older students, especially single parents, attending classes on a part time basis over a number of years to obtain skills and reach their educational goals);

WHEREAS the State of Michigan through the Comstock agreement assumed the responsibility of providing higher education to Indian people and carried out this responsibility through the Michigan Indian tuition waiver law;

WHEREAS the Michigan Indian tuition waiver has a positive effect on society as a whole, as well as the Tribe and its members, by allowing people to develop skills to gain quality long term employment rather than relying on public programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians strongly supports the Michigan Indian tuition waiver program for all Indian students be they young, old, full-time, part-time, academic or vocational;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council will take appropriate action to ensure the continuation of the Michigan Indian tuition waiver program.

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 regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on March 2, 1997 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

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Date: 3-2-97

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Secretary