RESOLUTION # 033000-02
ASKING CONGRESS TO MAKE A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR A LINE ITEM IN THE FY 2001 BUDGET FOR TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FUNDING THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WHEREAS: The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, a Federally recognized Indian tribe, finds promotion of education to be critical to the future and well-being of the Tribe and its members;

WHEREAS: In the School Improvement Amendments of 1938, Pub. L. No. 100-297, Congress authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Departments through the U.S. Department of the Interior, and

WHEREAS: The President’s FY 2001 Budget does not request funding within the Interior Department for Tribal Education Departments; and

WHEREAS: Federal funds for Tribal Education Departments are a vital part of the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and Indian tribal nations, as embodied in the U.S. Constitution, treaties, other acts of Congress, and the trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS: Indian education reports and research recommend that Tribal Education Departments be federally-funded so they can be empowered to improve educational conditions for tribal students; and

WHEREAS: Even though the President has not asked for Tribal Education Department funding, Congress can make a special request for such funding by way of a line item;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hereby resolves and asks that Congress make a special request for line item funding through the U.S. Department of the Interior in the amount of $5 million for Tribal Education Departments.

Certification
As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, we certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians on 3-30, 2000 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

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Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Chairman