

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

RESOLUTION # 121904-02
Support of the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians’
Request Urging a Class III Gaming Compact
with the Governor of the State of Michigan

- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB” or “Tribe”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe reaffirmed by the United States Congress on September 21, 1994 in Public Law 103-324, as amended, which exercises sovereign governmental authority over the people, land, and water within its jurisdiction and administers a wide range of governmental programs;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan (hereinafter “Gun Lake Tribe”) is a sovereign tribal government, recognized by the Federal government through the final administrative action on August 23, 1999, thereafter exercising all federally recognized rights as such;
- WHEREAS** the Gun Lake Tribal Council is authorized by their Tribal Constitution to act and exercise Tribal authority on behalf of the Gun Lake Tribe;
- WHEREAS** the Gun Lake Tribal has requested, on numerous occasions, that the Governor of the State of Michigan enter into good faith negotiations with the Tribe over a Class III Gaming Compact, similar to those entered into with other federally recognized Tribal governments in the State of Michigan;
- WHEREAS** the Michigan Legislature passed a concurrent resolution approving the Gun Lake Compact and urging the Governor to sign it;
- WHEREAS** then Governor, John Engler, failed to sign it prior to the end of his term;
- WHEREAS** the current Governor, Jennifer Granholm, has refused to sign the Gun Lake Compact that is nearly identical in substance to the other Michigan Tribal Gaming;
- WHEREAS** the Governor of the State of Michigan has refused to enter into compact negotiations with the Gun Lake Tribe on every occasion for which the Tribe has requested such official action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports the request of the Gun Lake Tribe that the Governor of the State of Michigan begin good faith negotiations with the Gun Lake Tribe over a Class III gaming compact.

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 at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on December 19, 2004 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Ettawageshik	x			
Beatrice Law	x			
Alice Yellowbank	x			
Dexter McNamara	x			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	x			
Rita Shananaquet	x			
Regina Bentley	x			

Date: December 19, 2004

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Dexter McNamara, Tribal Secretary