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 Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) is an inter-tribal consortium whose membership is comprised of eleven federally recognized tribal governments located in the State of Wisconsin and one in the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS: federal funding has been made available through the states to help prepare for response to situations involving bioterrorism which might occur;

WHEREAS: the Tribes of Michigan are becoming more involved in planning and preparations for the development of a clear understanding of their role(s) in bioterrorism/emergency response preparedness, in particular within each of the eight regions statewide;

WHEREAS: as a result of this involvement and collaboration, a cooperative program with GLITC has been established in the amount of $168,667 (146,667 for inter-tribal operating costs) for the year November 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005;

WHEREAS: this program is a second year continuation funded through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Health Resources Services Administration emergency preparedness funding;

WHEREAS: Michigan tribal health directors and GLITC staff have met regularly by conference call and at Michigan Tribal Health Director Association (MTHDA) health directors meetings to discuss the progress and direction of the project and continuation of the collaborative program into year two;
WHEREAS: the second year continuation of the collaborative program provides $2,000 to each of the 11 tribes ($22,000 total for all tribes combined) to encourage tribal participation in regional initiatives to further promote the collaborative relationship between the regions and the tribes;

WHEREAS: experience to date has demonstrated the need for current and integrated bio-terrorism/emergency response planning, and the tribes are benefiting by being associated with a larger group in such planning, including benefits from increased economies of scale;

WHEREAS: an example of these economies of scale is that the current collaborative program has allowed the availability of a full-time Bio-terrorism/Emergency Response Staff Assistant, funded in part by both the Wisconsin (2/3) and Michigan (1/3) bio-terrorism/emergency response contracts, to assure more convenient availability of assistance by telephone and access to expert staff when they are traveling;

WHEREAS: the familiarity and involvement of the GLITC with key American Indian health systems on a statewide basis, including general epidemiological and student development, is working to assure the completion of applicable objective and helping to provide a notational model for tribal involvement in bio-terrorism response and emergency preparedness;

WHEREAS: additional funding sources will be sought to increase the capacity of the program and services to the Michigan Tribes;

WHEREAS: documentation on activities attended by the tribes in relation to the regional initiatives will be compiled by the tribe and provided to GLITC;

WHEREAS: each tribe, through the MTHDS and/or emergency preparedness staff has been requested to determine whether the tribes would prefer to contract for the additional funds listed above or submit reimbursement of completed travel during the current project year, November 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council hereby endorse the contracting for stated travel related expenses with/from GLITC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik or Tribal Administrator Albert Colby Jr., or another designee from the Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute any documents necessary to receive and administer funds under this contract.
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 January 23, 2005 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:

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