

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 080606-05

Honoring Lewis Stephen Adams Sr.

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- WHEREAS** 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);
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;
- WHEREAS** Lewis Stephen Adams Sr, Wyaudtnoong (Little Detroit), born 6/22/1922 married Doris Amelia Kishigo 7/25/1946 and walked on 1/27/1964;
- WHEREAS** As a young man Lewis was winner of the 1937 National Soap Box Derby at Akron Ohio and later went on to win local notoriety as a Golden Gloves Boxer;
- WHEREAS** Lewis served honorably in the United States Marine Corp from 1942 to 1946 seeing action on the volcanic island of Iwo Jima;
- WHEREAS** As a veteran he was Commander of AMVETS Post 50 (an all Indian post), he organized toy collection repairs and delivery for the Indian Orphanage in Marquette and was a friend of Ira Hayes;
- WHEREAS** He started the Little Traverse Indian Club of Harbor Springs and helped organize the last Hiawatha Pageant in Ottawa Stadium;
- WHEREAS** Lewis's reputation as a community leader prompted a request from Governor Williams of Michigan for a Traditional Blessing and Ceremony for the Mackinaw Bridge that was rapidly nearing completion;
- WHEREAS** 1955 on top of the northern tower of the Mackinaw Bridge Lewis performed a Pipe Ceremony and prayed for the blessings of Gicthi-Manitou and the safe completion of the bridge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council posthumously bestows upon Lewis Stephen Adams Sr. its greatest honors and accolades, and thanks Lewis and his family for their many contributions to our community and recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Mackinaw Bridges construction, Labor Day 2006, as Lewis Stephen Adams Sr. Day.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council 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 August 6, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Mary Roberts	X			
Rita Shananaquet	X			
Alice Yellowbank	X			
Shirley Oldman				X
Melvin L. Kiogima	X			
Beatrice A. Law	X			

Date: _____

Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on _____ by _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson