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WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance and;

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) and;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe and;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council has met with Kateri Walker and discussed the historical value, cultural value, healing value and possible options for future use of the building we know as the Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School;

WHEREAS The Holy Childhood Indian Boarding School is part of the Holy Childhood of Jesus Roman Catholic Church under the direction of Father Joe Graff a part of the Catholic Diocese of Gaylord;

WHEREAS The Diocese of Gaylord established on July 20, 1971, by his Holiness Pope Paul VI, now directed by Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, has authority and discretion over the buildings in the Diocese.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council support saving the Holy Childhood of Jesus Indian Boarding School building for future uses promoting Native Language, Arts, and Cultural Learning and urges Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and Father Joe Graff to open an immediate dialog with Kateri Walker and discuss options for saving this historic building.
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