

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION #090907-06

Restating the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Opposition to the Kennecott Eagle Project for a Proposed Mine on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Ceded Territory

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested 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 Kennecott Minerals Company has applied for permits to mine a sulfide ore deposit in the headwaters of the Salmon Trout River and Yellow Dog River; and

WHEREAS These Rivers are tributaries to Lake Superior, which could ultimately receive pollutants from any mining by Kennecott; and

WHEREAS Lake Superior is hydrologically connected to Lake Michigan and Reservation Waters of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; and

WHEREAS The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is concerned about sulfide mineral mining because sulfide ore, when exposed to air and water, can cause acid mine drainage, and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shares this concern; and

WHEREAS The devastating effects of acid mine drainage on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems are well documented and understood, and pose an unacceptable risk to the fishery resources of Lake Superior and its tributaries and the other Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS Sulfide mining poses numerous environmental risks to tribal life ways and resources upon which all tribes rely to sustain their culture; and

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians passed a resolution on June 11th 2006, TR #061106-10, stating its opposition to granting a permit for the

Kennecott Minerals Proposed Sulfide Ore Mine and supporting the
 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in their opposition to the proposed mine;
 and

WHEREAS The State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality is still
 considering the application for the mine and is seeking public comment on the
 proposed permit during the month of September, 2007.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 for the previously stated reasons restates its strong opposition to the proposed Kennecott
 Eagle Project and urges all permitting agencies, both State and Federal, to deny the permits
 for the proposed mine.

CERTIFICATION

As Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal
 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 September 9, 2007 at which a
 quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions, 1 absent as
 recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Harrington, Jr.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Melvin L. Kiogima	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Dexter McNamara	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Marvin Mulholland	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Shirley Oldman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gerald V. Chingwa	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Regina Gasco Bentley	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Beatrice A. Law	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: _____

 Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

 Regina Gasco Bentley, 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