

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 022110-01

Supplemental Funding for Elders Program for
Establishing an Elder's Dental Program Fund

- 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** it is important to the Tribe to ensure a healthy life style for our Elders and nutritional diet is essential to good health;
- WHEREAS** many of our Tribal Elders have dental problems that prevent them from eating a nutritional diet;
- WHEREAS** many of our Tribal Elders need to have dental work such as bridges, dentures and other expenses not covered by the Tribal Clinic or Indian Health Services;
- WHEREAS** the Elders Program is capable of administering an Elder's Dental fund to provide these needed services either by direct billing or by reimbursement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council authorizes the establishment of a line-item in the amount of \$15,000.00 to come from Prior Period Funds for establishing an Elder dental fund within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Elders Program to assist Tribal Elders with specialized dental costs that are typically not covered by the Tribal Health Clinic, i.e. bridges, crowns and dentures and to provide for direct billing or reimbursement of such costs to our Tribal Elders.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that such funding shall not be used for any other purpose other than for direct services for Elder's dental work and the Executive shall create a line-item in future budgets to continue the Elder's dental program.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this program will be of “last resort” funding and all other funding sources shall be exhausted first.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive shall develop regulations for Tribal Council approval within 120 days of enactment; however, the implementation of this program shall not be delayed by approval of regulations.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED the Tribal Chairperson shall administer his oversight authority to the extent necessary to ensure that funds are adequately administered and shall make Tribal Council aware on any shortages of funding.

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 February 21, 2010 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Marvin Mulholland	X			
Belinda Bardwell	X			
Melvin L. Kiogima	X			
Gerald V. Chingwa	X			
Rita Shananaquet	X			
Aaron Otto	X			
John Bott	X			
Regina Gasco Bentley	X			
Julie Shananaquet	X			

Date: 2-21-10

Julie A. Shananaquet, Legislative Leader

Date: 2-21-10

Regina Gasco Bentley, Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 2-22-10 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: 3-11-10

Ken Harrington, Tribal Chairperson