

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 092817-04

In Opposition to the Proposed Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson Legislation

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), 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 *Federal trust responsibility* emanates from the unique relationship between the United States and Indians in which the *Federal* Government undertook the obligation to insure the survival of Indian tribes. “*The federal Indian trust responsibility is a legal obligation under which the United States “has charged itself with moral obligations of the highest responsibility and trust” toward Indian tribes (Seminole Nation v. United States, 1942)*”;
- WHEREAS** The proposed Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson legislation would violate the federal trust responsibility by shifting federal dollars to the states and not directly to tribes;
- WHEREAS** It is important that federal government maintain the current structure of providing for Indian Health Care dollars directly to the Tribes, by following the Snyder Act of 1921 (25 USC 13) and the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act [enacted in 2010 as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148)] that provided for specific legislative authority for Congress to appropriate funds specifically for the health care of Indian people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council opposed to the Proposed Graham-Cassidy-Heller-Johnson legislation and the potential impact to Tribes.

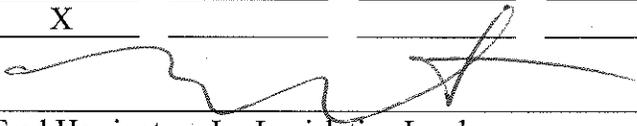
FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the Constitution, the Executive Branch shall submit a copy of this Resolution to the appropriated Congressional Offices and federal officials.

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 28, 2017 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Bernard	X			
David Harrington	X			
Dexter McNamara				X
Emily Proctor	X			
Julia Shananaquet	X			
Shanna Wemigwase	X			
Marcella R. Reyes				X
Tamara Kiogima	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			

Date: 9-28-17


 Fred Harrington, Jr., Legislative Leader

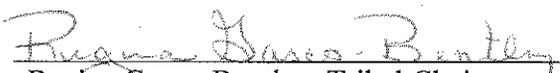
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 Tamara Kiogima, Secretary

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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: 10-2-17


 Regina Gasco-Bentley, Tribal Chairperson