

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS**

**7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

**TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 102619- 04**

To Reduce and Eliminate the use of Plastic Straws and Expanded Polystyrene Products

**WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB or Tribe) 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 being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

**WHEREAS** the LTBB finds that it is in the best interest, safety, and welfare of its Citizens to reduce litter and pollutants on the lands and in the waters within the LTBB Reservation;

**WHEREAS** LTBB finds that the plastic objects, when irresponsibly discarded, pose an environmental hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of its Citizens and visitors within the reservation;

**WHEREAS** discarded plastic objects threaten wildlife and degrade and litter the reservation;

**WHEREAS** plastic objects constitute a portion of the litter within the reservation's streets, parks and public places;

**WHEREAS** the EPA identified that Expanded Polystyrene products, such as food containers, plates, bowls, cups, lids, trays, coolers, ice chests, "clamshells," and all similar articles that are made of fossil fuels and synthetic chemicals, when entering our waterways, can "have serious impacts on human health, wildlife, the aquatic environment, and the economy";

**WHEREAS** Expanded Polystyrene is not recyclable or biodegradable; instead it fragments into microplastics, which are then ingested by marine life and other wildlife, thus harming or killing them;

**WHEREAS** single-use plastic straws and Expanded Polystyrene products have little value and constitute a large portion of the litter and pollution in the reservation's waterways, rights-of-way, parks, and other public places;

**WHEREAS** the use and distribution of single-use plastic objects has a detrimental effect on the LTBB reservation's environment;

**WHEREAS** the LTBB finds that there are reasonable, environmentally-friendly alternatives to using plastic straws and Expanded Polystyrenes products that are either compostable or reusable;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that to honor the environment within the reservation boundaries, LTBB government and enterprises are urged to cease or reduce the use, provision, distribution or sale of plastic beverage straws and Expanded Polystyrenes products, as part of a business operation or a sponsored event, within 180 days of the adoption of this resolution.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** Recognizing the needs of disabled persons, nothing precludes beverage providers from making alternatives straws or products available to customers. These alternatives should only be provided upon request by the customer without any inquiry into the disability status of the customer.



## CERTIFICATION

As the 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 on October 26, 2019 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
Fred Harrington, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Fred Kiogima	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Tamara Kiogima	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Melissa Pamp	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Leroy Shomin	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Marty Van De Car	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Marcella Reyes	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Julie Shananaquet	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Emily Proctor	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Date: 10/20/19 Emily Proctor  
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 10.26.19 Julie Shananaquet  
 Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 10-29-19 by J. J. J.

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: 10-29-19 Regina Gasco-Bentley  
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

Received from the Executive on 10.30.19 by Guida Raker

