

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

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 042920-01

Tribal Council Meeting Protocol During State of Emergency

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 Article VII (J) of the LTBB Constitution says that five Tribal Council members constitute a quorum necessary to transact official business of the Tribal Council, that all votes must be cast only by those actually present at the meeting during which the vote was taken, and that the Tribal Council shall hold regular meetings at least once a month at the Tribal government offices.

WHEREAS the Legislative and Executive Branches of LTBB government have declared a State of Emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS to protect LTBB citizens and the public from the spread of this deadly virus the Legislative and Executive Branches have closed the Tribal government offices to all but a very small number of staff whose limited presence in the building is needed to maintain essential functions;

WHEREAS the State of Emergency prevents the Tribal Council from holding its regular meetings physically at the Council chambers located in the Tribal government offices at 7500 Odawa Circle until the Tribal Council in unification with the Tribal Chair declare the termination or modification of the Tribal State of Emergency, and such termination or modification shall be done in consultation with the LTBB Health Department and other appropriate health professionals to determine it is safe to resume limited or full assembling in the 7500 Odawa Circle Council Chambers;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that when a State of Emergency prevents physical assembly to comply with the Constitutional requirement that Tribal Council hold its regular meetings at least once a month an online meeting platform, such as Zoom or Microsoft

Teams, will serve as the “Tribal government offices.” Online Tribal Council meetings will be conducted following the same procedures as other regular meetings to the greatest extent feasible.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Tribal Council may also host online information townhall style forums during States of Emergency;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council will provide notification of the dates, times and joining instructions to Tribal Citizens of on-line regular meetings and townhall forums through the LTBB website and other appropriate means of communication, such as social media.

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 by a phone poll of the Tribal Council held on April 29, 2020 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.	X			
Fred Kiogima				X
Tamara Kiogima	X			
Melissa Pamp	X			
Leroy Shomin	X			
Marty Van De Car	X			
Marcella Reyes	X			
Julie Shananaquet	X			
Emily Proctor	X			

Date: 4/30/2020 Emily Proctor
 Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 4/30/2020 Julie Shananaquet
 Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 4.30.2020 by [Signature]

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: 5.1.2020 Regina Gasco Bentley
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

Received from the Executive on 05.07.2020 by [Signature]