

# LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

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HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

## DECLARATION 100712-01

### **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Opposition to the Sport Hunting of Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf**

*A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Officers may sign onto a Declaration as individuals. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribe in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.*

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

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);

LTBB is a signatory to the federally entered 2007 Inland Consent Decree (as part of the historic *US v. MI*) which details the management and allocation of inland resources between the Tribes and the State of Michigan;

The Gray Wolf is a culturally significant species with a role and place in Odawa culture. In the creation story of the Anishnabe, Ma'ingan, the wolf is a brother to the Original Man. The two traveled together throughout the world naming everything they encountered. Afterward, the Creator had them take separate paths, but told them that both would be feared, respected, and misunderstood by others who would arrive later and that each other's fates would mirror one another;

The Gray Wolf is recognized as a biologically important species critical to bringing balance, sustainability and diversity to forest communities and ecosystems found within the LTBB Reservation and 1836 Ceded Territory;

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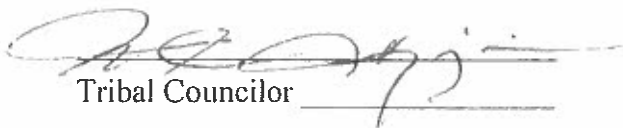
LTBB Natural Resource Department (NRD) Strategic Plan's *Goal 4* states the Department will *Identify, Monitor and Assess Culturally Significant Fish, Wildlife and Plant Species*;

LTBB NRD has developed a Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf Management Plan for the LTBB Reservation in which "lethal control" is not authorized as a management tool. Tools authorized within the Plan to avoid and manage wolf/human conflicts are the use of best management practices and the use of a suite of non-lethal control options for occurrences of depredations in addition to increased education and awareness of the benefits of wolves to the general public;

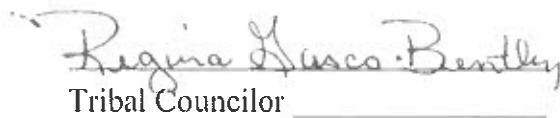
Hunting of Gray wolves is generally not considered and lacks scientific evidence to be an effective method or tool for addressing or reducing wolf/human conflict and may increase conflict;

There is a lack of scientific research or evidence ensuring that socially complex pack animals such as Gray Wolves are capable of being hunted in sustainable manner.

For the above stated reasons, the undersigned Tribal Councilors, Tribal Chair and Vice Chair declare that they are in Opposition to the Sport Hunting of Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf.

  
Tribal Councilor \_\_\_\_\_


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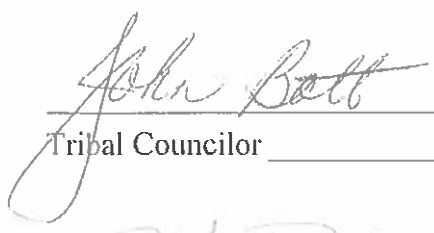
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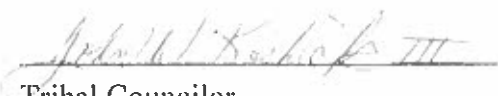
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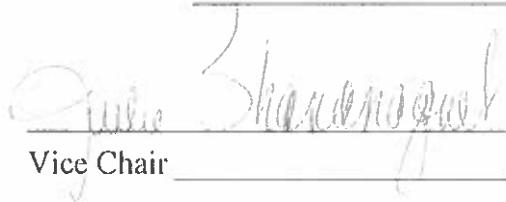
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Tribal Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10-8-12

  
Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/8/12

A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office and the Tribal Chair/Vice Chair Office.





RESOLUTION NO: 3012-183

**OPPOSITION TO MI H.B. 5834 AND THE RECREATIONAL HUNTING OF WOLVES IN MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, in the *Anishinabe biimaadziwiin* (our Indian way), the wolf (*Ma'iiangan*) is the *Anishinabek's* oldest and original companion; and

WHEREAS, *Ma'iiangan* is one of our sacred clan creatures and is not hunted because it is a descendent of *Pucky Wuss* (*Nana bush's* companion provided by *Gitchi Manitou*); and

WHEREAS, *Ma'iiangan* has only marginally reestablished populations again where they were once extirpated within 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, management actions of the State of Michigan can significantly impact our nation's ability to interact with and manage for *Ma'iiangan*; and

WHEREAS, we do not believe broad-based population control measures in the form a wolf hunting season are warranted or will be effective at achieving management outcome sought in H.B. 5834; and

WHEREAS, effective tools currently do exist for citizens and resources managers and are authorized in State of Michigan Public Acts 290 and 318;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is unequivocally opposed to House Bill 5834 which would designate wolves as a game species under State of Michigan law and allow for a wolf hunting season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is unequivocally opposed to hunting of wolves within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom 12 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11 day of September 2012; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members for, 0 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Aaron A. Payment  
Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

Cathy Abramson  
Cathy Abramson, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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**DECLARATION**

**Demand for government to government consultation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Wolf Management Advisory Council regarding the Sacred Wolf**

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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); and

In accordance with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution:

*" IN THE WAYS OF OUR ANCESTORS, to perpetuate our way of life for future generations, we the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, called in our own language the WAGANAKISING ODAWAK, a sovereign, self-governing people who follow the Anishinaabe Traditions, Heritage, and Cultural Values, set forth within this Constitution the foundation of our governance.*

*We will work together in a constructive, cooperative spirit to preserve and protect our lands resources and Treaty Rights, ... In keeping faith with our Ancestors, we shall preserve our Heritage while adapting to the present world around us... " and*

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delisting the gray wolf nationwide from the Endangered Species Act to the detriment of gray wolf populations in Michigan and other states.

Now that the wolves are no longer protected under the Endangered Species Act, Michigan is considering a hunting and trapping season for Upper Peninsula gray wolves.

The State of Michigan signed the Government-to-Government Accord between the State of Michigan and the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the State of Michigan ("State-Tribal Accord") in 2002.

The Accord provides for "consultation", which means: a process of government-to-government dialogue between the state and the tribes regarding actions or proposed actions that significantly affect or may significantly affect the governmental interests of the other.

The wolf has cultural and spiritual significance to the Anishinaabek. Our Anishinaabek creation stories, prophecies, ceremonies and clan systems all attest that wolves are sacred among our people. One of the central teachings intertwines the fate of the wolf and the

process for government to government consultation and provide a forum that allows for Tribal Citizens' voices to be heard in accordance with the accord that was reaffirmed in by 2019-17 Executive Directive by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.

**Motion approved by Tribal Council on \_\_\_\_\_ 2021, by:**

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader  
Marcella Reyes, Treasurer  
Tamara Kiogima, Tribal Councilor  
Melissa Pamp, Tribal Councilor  
Marty Van De Car, Tribal Councilor

Julie Shananaquet, Secretary  
Fred Harrington, Jr., Tribal Councilor  
Fred Kiogima, Tribal Councilor  
Leroy Shomin, Tribal Councilor  
Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chair





**The Grand Traverse Band of  
Ottawa and Chippewa Indians**

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**Certification of Tribal Council Action**  
Regular Session of October 17, 2012

**I hereby certify as the Tribal Council Secretary that the foregoing  
Motion was Approved and Adopted at the Regular Session of the  
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Council**

**Oppose the Michigan Wolf Hunt**

Motion made by Tribal Council Treasurer Rohl and supported by Tribal Council Vice  
Chair Kewaygoshkum to adopt the Resolution to oppose the Michigan Wolf Hunt;  
(Resolution #12.30.2408 made at the NREC Regular Session on October 11, 2012).

6 – FOR; 0 – AGAINST; 0 – ABSENT; 0 – ABSTAINING

**Motion Carries**

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David Arroyo, GTB Tribal Council Secretary

cc: NREC



# The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

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## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION The Resolution No. 12-30.2408

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians ("GTB") is a signatory to the Treaty of Washington executed March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and was restored to its former status as an Indian tribe having a government-to-government relationship with the United States by action of the Department of the Interior effective May 27, 1980, *see* 45 Fed. Reg. 18321-18322 (March 25, 1980); and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Traverse Band possesses usufruct fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering rights under the Treaty of Washington executed March 28, 1836; the Tribe's off-reservation fishing rights in the Great Lakes were confirmed by federal court litigation, *see United States v. Michigan*, 471 F. Supp. 192 (W.D. Mich. 1979), *aff'd*, 653 F. 2nd 277 (6th Cir. 1981), *cert. denied*, 454 U.S. 1124 (1981); and the Tribe's usufruct rights in inland areas of the treaty-ceded territory were confirmed by the November 2, 2007 Consent Decree (docket entry 1799 in File No. 2:73-CV-26, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan); and

**WHEREAS**, the gray wolf is a culturally significant species with a seminal role in Ojibwe and Odawa culture, deriving from its place in the creation story as a brother and companion to the Original Man, and by the linkage made by the Creator between the two, causing the fate of one to mirror the other; and

**WHEREAS**, the gray wolf has only recently been reestablished in the State of Michigan after suffering near-extinction through the management decisions of the State and its agencies, and is the subject of an unimplemented wolf management plan developed with the assistance of tribal representatives to manage, protect and enhance the role of this species as critical to the balance, sustainability and diversity of forest communities and ecosystems in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the gray wolf is not an appropriate species for subsistence harvest, and there is no scientific evidence that this socially complex pack animal is capable of being hunted for sport or recreation in a sustained manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan law already contains adequate means by which wolf/human interactions can be controlled and monitored, including measures to reduce livestock depredation and control of problem wolves; and

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**WHEREAS**, the November 2, 2007 Consent Decree requires the State to consult with GTB and the other 1836 Treaty Tribes prior to proposing changes in harvesting regulations including legislative and/or administrative proposals authorizing hunting of wolves, and no such formal consultation has occurred with respect to the August 15, 2012 introduction of H.B. 5838 in the Michigan House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of and obligations imposed upon the State of Michigan by the November 2, 2007 Consent Decree apply to the legislative branch as well as to the executive branch (including the Natural Resources Commission and Department of Natural Resources) of the State of Michigan's government; and

**WHEREAS**, since there has been no formal discussion or consultation with the Grand Traverse Band regarding wolf management changes authorized by H.B. 5838, the Michigan Legislature, Natural Resources Commission, and/or Department of Natural Resources would be in violation of the November 2, 2007 Consent Decree if H.B. 5838 were enacted into law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians opposes any change in the laws of the State of Michigan by which the gray wolf is designated as a game species and a wolf hunting season is allowed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians specifically opposes enactment of H.B. 5834.

APPROVED: Alvin V. Pedwaydon ADOPTED: David Arroyo  
Alvin V. Pedwaydon David Arroyo  
Tribal Chairman Secretary

CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of the Tribal Council conducted during a special session held at the Tribal Center in Peshawbestown, Michigan, on the 17th day of October, 2012, by a vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT. :

David Arroyo  
David Arroyo  
Secretary



# *United Tribes of Michigan*

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*Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director*

## **RESOLUTION # 023 10-10-2012**

### *United Tribes of Michigan opposition to Sport/Recreational hunting of Wolves in Michigan*

**WHEREAS**, the membership of United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) is open to all of the twelve federally recognized tribes located in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization provides a forum for the Tribes in Michigan to address issues of common concern and is committed to join forces to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Indian Tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations; and

**WHEREAS**, UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of Native Americans; and

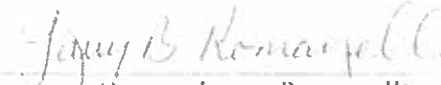
**WHEREAS**, the gray wolf is a species which has significant importance to the culture and way of life of all tribes in the State of Michigan, and has only recently been reestablished in the State after suffering near-extinction through the management decisions of the State and its agencies, and

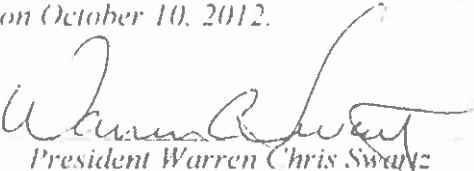
**WHEREAS**, the gray wolf is not an appropriate species for harvest for subsistence purposes, and its number cannot withstand depletion by recreational hunting, and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan law already contains adequate means by which depredation by a gray wolf to livestock and other animals can be remediated and problem wolves controlled.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the United Tribes of Michigan hereby opposes HB 5834 and any change in the laws of the State of Michigan by which wolves are designated as a game species and a wolf hunting season is allowed.

*Adopted by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held on October 10, 2012.*

  
Ogema Larry Romanelli  
UTM President

  
President Warren Chris Swartz  
UTM Secretary





# The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

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## RESOLUTION NO 13-020

**WHEREAS:** The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan ("Tribe") is a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe organized under a Constitution and By-Laws ratified by the Tribe on November 4, 1986, pursuant to Public Law 99-346; and

**WHEREAS:** The governing body of the Tribe is the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council ("Tribal Council"); and

**WHEREAS:** The gray wolf is a species which has significant importance to the culture and way of life of all tribes in the State of Michigan, and has only recently been reestablished in the State after suffering near-extinction through the management decisions of the State and its agencies; and

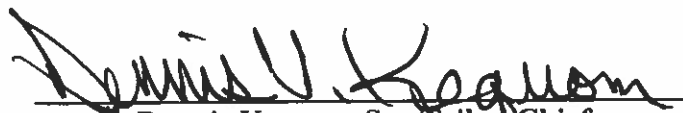
**WHEREAS:** The gray wolf is not an appropriate species for harvest for subsistence purposes, and its number cannot withstand depletion by recreational hunting; and

**WHEREAS:** Michigan law already contains adequate means by which depredation by a gray wolf to livestock and other animals can be remediated and problem wolves controlled.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan hereby opposes HB 5834 and any change in the laws of the State of Michigan by which wolves are designated as a game species and a recreational wolf hunting season is allowed.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council with a quorum being present during a Special meeting held on the 6th day of November, 2012, by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

  
Dennis Kequom Sr., Tribal Chief

  
Lorna Kahgegab Call, Council Secretary

