

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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RESOLUTION KB-1902-2012

WHEREAS: The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising inherent sovereign authority over its members and its territories, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a reservation created pursuant to the 1854 Treaty with the Chippewa, 10 Stat. 1109; and

WHEREAS: the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, (48 Stat. 984 U.S.C. §476) with a Constitution and Bylaws duly approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior on December 17, 1936; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 1 (a) of the Constitution imposes a duty on the Tribal Council to protect the health, security and general welfare of the Community; and

WHEREAS: legislation HB 5834 has been filed to designate the gray wolf as a game species and authorize the establishment of the first open season making it allowable to hunt gray wolf on an annual basis throughout the state, and

WHEREAS: the gray wolf is a species which has significant importance to the culture and way of life of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and has only recently been reestablished in the State after suffering near-extinction through historical hunting and trapping pressure, and

WHEREAS: the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community believes the gray wolf is not an appropriate species to harvest for subsistence purposes, its numbers cannot withstand depletion by recreational hunting without danger of being relisted as threatened or endangered, and depleting numbers of wolves will upset the ecological balance between predator and prey, 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 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council formally states their opposition to 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 and/or trapping season is allowed.

LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"

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CERTIFICATION

We, Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President and Susan J. LaFemier, Secretary of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. KB-1902-2012 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Tribal Council of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at a duly called meeting held on November 1, 2012 there being a quorum present, by a vote of: 6 In Favor, 1 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions, as follows:

Vice President, Elizabeth D. Mayo:	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Secretary, Susan J. LaFemier:	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Asst. Secretary, Jerry Lee Curtis:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	<u>NOT PRESENT</u>
Treasurer, Toni J. Minton:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	<u>NOT PRESENT</u>
Council Person, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.:	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Council Person, Fred Dakota:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	<u>NOT PRESENT</u>
Council Person, Eddy Edwards:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	<u>NOT PRESENT</u>
Council Person, Jean Jokinen:	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Council Person, Michael F. LaFemier, Sr.:	AYE	<u>NAY</u>	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Council Person, Carole L. LaPointe:	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Council Person, Elizabeth "Chiz" Mathews:	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
President, Warren C. Swartz, Jr.: (If Required)	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT


Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President


Susan J. LaFemier, Secretary