



## Bay Mills Indian Community

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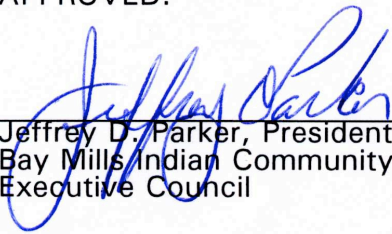
### RESOLUTION

**Resolution No. 09-7-14-C  
Opposition to Removal of Objects of Cultural Patrimony  
from the Bottomlands of Lake Huron**

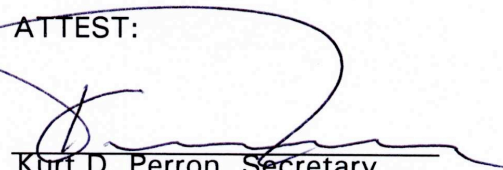
- WHEREAS: The Bay Mills Indian Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, with a government organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. sec. 461, *et seq.*, and
- WHEREAS: The General Tribal Council is empowered by Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Bay Mills Indian Community Constitution to protect the cultural resources of the Community, and
- WHEREAS: The General Tribal Council by Resolution adopted April 13, 1970, delegated to the Executive Council the power to exercise its regulatory authority, and
- WHEREAS: Federal law, including the American Antiquities Act, 16 U.S.C. sec. 432, *et seq.*, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. sec. 3001, *et seq.*, and the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. sec. 471, *et seq.*, recognize the importance of objects of cultural patrimony to the Tribes of this country, and
- WHEREAS: The announced removal of materials found on the bottomland of Lake Huron near Presque Isle, Michigan, by researchers from the University of Michigan is contrary to the expressed federal policy and prevents the Bay Mills Indian Community from protecting its ancestors and their artifacts from being inappropriately studied, displayed and handled.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council hereby formally expresses its opposition to the removal of any remains and artifacts from the Lake Huron bottomlands by persons associated with the University of Michigan or any other entity.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any objects which are removed from the Lake Huron bottomlands be repatriated to the Bay Mills Indian Community, as required by sec. 7 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. sec. 3005.

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APPROVED:

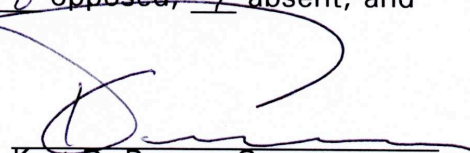
  
Jeffrey D. Parker, President  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
Executive Council

ATTEST:

  
Kurt D. Perron, Secretary  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
Executive Council

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Bay Mills Indian Community, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted and approved at a meeting of the Executive Council held at Bay Mills, Michigan, on the 14th day of July, 2009, with a vote of 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 1 abstaining.

  
Kurt D. Perron, Secretary  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
Executive Council