

**Emmet County Lakeshore Association
The Protection of Rights Alliance Foundation
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ECLA PREVAILS IN TRIBAL RESERVATION CASE

Dear Contributors and ECLA Members,

On February 28, 2022, the United States Supreme Court denied the petition for *certiorari* of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, bringing to an end nearly seven years of strenuously fought litigation over the Tribe's claim that much of Emmet and Charlevoix counties is an Indian reservation. The Court's denial follows ECLA's victories at both the federal district court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The importance of this case, and of the involvement of ECLA and the Protection of Rights Alliance, cannot be overstated. ECLA and PORA owe a deep debt of gratitude to all of the members and supporters who dug deep into their own resources to fund our involvement. While the Tribe is likely to find other ways to seek to advance their sovereign interests, the faulty notion that the Tribe has jurisdiction over 337 square miles of our community has been put to rest.

Best Regard

Gary Rentrop

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President PORA