

(1) Letter of Intent

- March 11, 1972

Exhibit 11

RESOLUTION No 1

1306

HURON POTAWATOMI BAND

WHEREAS in Calhoun County, near Athens, there reside today approximately 50 Potawatomi Indians, or approximately 12 families. (There are over 200 Huron Potawatomis on the current 1972 Tribal Roll.) And this tax exempted land held in trust by the Governor of the State of Michigan. The legal name of this group of Indians is "Huron Potawatomi Band, Inc." Since the land-mark, the Nottawasippe River, is near this settlement of Indians, the term "Nottawasippe Potawatomi" is sometimes used for identification purposes; and

WHEREAS these lands as described were entered into the tract book in the Office of Register of Deeds in and for Calhoun County in the name of John S. Barry, Governor of Michigan and his successors in office forever, in trust, for a certain band of Indians, residents of Calhoun County, of which band of Indians Mo-gwa-go was Chief on June 9, 1845; and

WHEREAS William A. Booth and his wife, Louisa, conveyed to Governor of the State of Michigan, John S. Barry, in trust for a band of Indians residing in Calhoun County, of which Mo-gwa-go was Chief (recorded Nov. 22, 1845) - the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 20 Township 4 South, Range 8 West, containing 80 acres more or less, Calhoun County, Athens Township, Michigan; and

WHEREAS the United States of America conveyed to the State of Michigan the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 8 West, containing 40 acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General recorded November 22, 1884; and

WHEREAS the Indian Re-organization Act, Howard-Wheeler Act of 1934, offers programs and policies for any identifiable group of Indians. Since this I.R.A. program is offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Federal Government, it could have far-reaching effects on the community development, on the remnant of these Potawatomi Indians, wherever they chose to live, on or off the premises of this Indian reservation, have availability of the socio-economic federally sponsored programs; and

WHEREAS the message of the President of the United States of America, Mr. Richard Nixon, so strongly advocates the "self-determination" for the American Indian be a major policy for his administration; and

WHEREAS the State Indian Reservation, 120 acres of land, the above described, under the trusteeship of the Governor of Michigan and his successors for some 127 years has offered no aid or help to alleviate the Indian socio-economic problems on this State Reservation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Huron Potawatomi Band, Incorporated of Michigan inform the Minneapolis Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs Land Operation of its decision to apply for a federal status Indian reservation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor of Michigan, William G. Milliken, be asked to consider this resolution as a recommendation for any act of legislation, if necessary, or any legal transaction to convey this present trusteeship of land from a State trust to a Federal trust Indian Reservation.

Date

Chairman _____

Vice-Chairman _____

At a duly scheduled public general meeting of Huron Potawatomi Band, this resolution was read at Hopkinsburg V.F.W. Hall at _____, Michigan, March 11, 1972.

The vote count 22 and NONE.
(Yes) (No)

Date

Secretary Shirley Simmons