



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 09-0415-98

Continuing the Compensation for Tribal Court Judges

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anířhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the current compensation levels set remains to be an appropriate compensation level and that no changes are necessary.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved Resolution # 06-0315-187, *Ratifying the Inclusion of Tribal Court Judicial Officers in the Life Insurance and Certain other Tribal Government Employee Benefits*; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council held a work session on April 6, 2009, to review the compensation levels of elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the continued application of Tribal Court Judges annual compensation without change as follows:

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| Chief Judge | \$44,304.00 |
| Associate Judge | \$33,696.00 |
| Appellate Judges | \$11,356.80 |
| Appellate Judge (Lawyer) | \$28,662.40 |

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that this resolution shall continue in effect unless specifically amended or rescinded by subsequent resolution adopted by the Tribal Council.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT elected members of the judiciary are also entitled to participate with benefits package including health, dental, 401(k), and other such benefits as is offered to employees of the Government provided that elected members of the judiciary do not accrue PTO or vacation time.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT newly elected Tribal Court Judges shall receive the COLA adjusted salary in effect at the time of taking the oath of office and shall maintain such salary in accordance with this resolution.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 15, 2009, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Kimberly Alexander, Council Recorder



Don Koon, Council Speaker

Attest:

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