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Approval and Resolution of Support: Indian Health Services (IHS), Bemidji Area, ARRA Stimulus Project BE9LR020C6 and request for financial support in the amount of $276,000.00 for LRBOI Health Clinic Renovations

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaábek (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 American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is working to make economic and other developmental opportunities available, including the provision of additional economic stimulus opportunities to Tribes; and

WHEREAS, based on an original letter of intent, Indian Health Services, through ARRA economic stimulus efforts, preliminarily approved the funding of renovations to the Tribal Health Clinic for Pharmacy and Dental Services in a total estimated amount of $276,000.00; and

WHEREAS, LRBOI has been informed that a formal “Tribal Resolution” to contract for ARRA Stimulus funds is required; and
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WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has identified that the project represents work will contribute to the overall health delivery system available to LRBOI tribal members who utilize Tribal Health Clinic and thereby improve the Tribe’s ability to address the healthcare needs of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the well-defined need for the project, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians desires to proceed with the renovation plans that address our current limitations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the Indian Health Services “Health Center Renovation for Pharmacy and Dental Services” project, otherwise identified as IHS Project # BE9LR020C6, and hereby also requests the preliminarily-approved ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5) stimulus funding in the estimated amount of $276,000.00 to complete the identified scope of work.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with _8_ FOR, _0_ AGAINST, _0_ ABSTAINING, and _1_ ABSENT, at the Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 5, 2009 at the Little River Band’s Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janice M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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