



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 09-0107-02**

*Approving Reduction in Tribal Council Compensation Based on the Economic Needs of the Tribe*

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (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 has established its compensation and benefits provided to the elected officials serving on the Tribal Council through Resolution #07-0321-147; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified through review of the 2009 Government Operations Budget that revenues available for providing services to the Tribal membership will be substantially lower than in past years; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that they would like to participate in the required reductions to the Tribal Government Operations Budget for 2009 as employees are doing through reduced compensation;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes a decrease in its monetary compensation in the amount of 20% per Tribal Councilor for the period of January 4, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

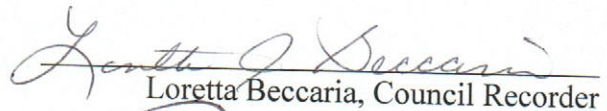
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council shall review the Tribal Government Operations Budget during the month of March 2009 to determine if sufficient funding is available to restore the compensation of the Tribal Council to their originally budgeted levels.

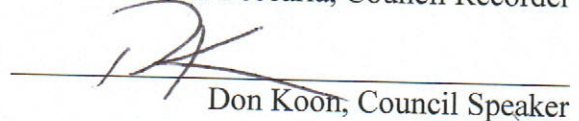
IT IS ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED THAT the compensation of the Tribal Council shall be restored to original budgeted levels on April 1, 2009 if no further action or resolution of the Tribal Council has been taken.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council encourages the other elected officials and contracted employees of the Tribal Government to voluntarily reduce their compensation in the same manner until such time as full funding for the operations of the Tribal Government has been restored.

**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 January 7, 2009 at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Loretta Beccaria, Council Recorder

  
Don Koon, Council Speaker

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