



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 09-0121-10

*Approval to submit a grant application National Park Service (FY2009 Historic Preservation Grant) for an 18-month planning project involving historic/cultural preservation/development work on the Custer Property*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council has reviewed the Grant Program Guidelines and project recommendation put forth by the Grants Department and strongly supported by both the Historic Preservation Department and Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the recommendation by the above named departments for 1) the long-term preservation planning of a culturally and traditionally significant parcel of property that is held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (in Mason County) and 2) future development planning to use parcel as a Tribal Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant application will plan to both preserve cultural significance of the property as well as plan to develop the property for culturally significant future use(s), project is viewed to be in the best long-term interests of the Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, by this resolution, approves of the submission of a grant application to the Nation Park Service, Heritage Preservation Services, Tribal Preservation Program, FY2009 Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to support an 18-month project to cover all planning related to both preserving the cultural significance of said site as well as developing the property for future use as a Tribal Cemetery.

### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 21, 2009, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Kim Alexander, Council Recorder



Don Koon, Council Speaker

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