Resolution # 09-0624-174

Approval to submit funding application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Implement a Title IV-B five-year plan to help serve the Indian Child Welfare interests and needs of at-risk tribal children as well as Promote Safe and Stable Families

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek (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 Child Welfare Services Program was amended in 2008 by the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351); and

WHEREAS, these changes require Indian Tribes, including the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) to adjust to these changes (that involve activities such as administrative costs, use of funds, consultations with medical professionals and/or state courts); and
Resolution # 09-0624-174
Page 2of 2

WHEREAS, additional changes to the national Family Preservation and Family Support Program, including a name-change to “Promoting Safe and Stable Families” also requires adjustments by Tribal Programs, including that of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department has, in light of these changes, developed a new Five Year Plan that efficiently and effectively utilizes anticipated funds consistent with the previously noted changes and purposes of the funding support; and

WHEREAS, the proposed activities are supported by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department, other tribal entities, the leadership and membership of the Tribe and would support tribal member well-being; and

WHEREAS, the final funding award will, on an annual basis, provide approximately $6,773.00 of Title IV-B Subpart 1 funding support and an additional $15,117.00 of Subpart 2 financial in direct support of Child Welfare Services and the Promotion of Safe and Stable Families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of a Title IV-B, Subparts 1 & 2, Five-Year Plan to DHHS that will result in future funding for activities related to Indian Child Welfare generally, and particularly directed to the promoting and protecting the well-being interests of Little River Band tribal children.

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 June 24, 2009 at the Little River Band’s Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine Sam, Council Recorder

Steve Parsons, Council Speaker

Distribution: Tribal Council Records;
Tribal Ogema;
Tribal Court;
Legal;
Grants;
Family Services