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Approval to Submit a FY2009 Grant Application to the Administration for Native Americans under the Family Preservation – Improving the Well-Being of Children Project Implementation Program for a three-year project period in an Amount Not to Exceed $200,000 to bring the benefits of the Positive Indian Parenting Model and other Family Strengthening Model Programs to Little River Band Tribal Members

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaad Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishiinabek (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 is dedicated to improving the overall and multidimensional well-being of its membership (including its children); and

WHEREAS, the ANA Family Preservation – Improving the Well-Being of Children Project Implementation Program priorities, that include parenting education, are consistent with those of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Community Well-Being and Support Survey results consistently indicate that tribal member families are at risk as a result of insufficient family resources, which translates to greater risk for tribal children; and
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WHEREAS, the proposed project will bring additional resources to tribal member families that will improve childhood outcomes and family relationships with the implementation of teaching the “Positive Indian Parenting” curriculum and other well-established, culturally competent Family Strengthening Curriculums such as the “Proud Parents” and “Proud Fathers” curriculums.

WHEREAS, tribal representatives within Family Services and the Grants Department have reviewed the Administration for Native Americans “Family Preservation” announcement and guidelines and recommend the pursuit of this important opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) recognizes that preserving and strengthening our families is of utmost importance in improving the well-being of our tribal children.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans (ANH) under the Family Preservation – Improving the Well-Being of Children Project Implementation Program for a 3-year project period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby further requests that the application be limited to an amount that is under the $200,000.00 project cost threshold in order to obtain HHS waiver of normally required 20% match.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 18, 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

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