Resolution # 09-0325-75

Approval to Submit a FY2009 Grant Application to the Department of Health & Human Services under the Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program in the amount of $60,000

WHEREAS, the status of the Gad Čhíng Ziibi Daawaa Anišhinaabek (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; and

WHEREAS, the REACH Program provides additional energy relief options for eligible tribal families;
WHEREAS, tribal representatives from the Member’s Assistance and Grants Department have reviewed the Department of Health & Human Services “Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program and recommend the pursuit of this important opportunity;

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, Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program in order to help eligible members reduce the cost of energy expense and to assist in installing life saving devices.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 25, 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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