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Approval of a grant application to the First Nations Development Institute’s FY2014 Native Youth and Culture Fund for an Indian Village Camp Program in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00 for a one-year project

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek (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, it is clear that there is a continuing need to address the needs of our Native Youth in order to improve their individual health and wellbeing outcomes; and

WHEREAS, there is a funding opportunity for which the Tribe is eligible, through the First Nations Development Institute, that focuses on youth and importantly incorporates culture and tradition as a means of addressing social issues, including both mental health issues and risky behaviors; and
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WHEREAS, the Peacemaking Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has experience engaging youth (and elders) in activities that demonstrates traditional values, knowledge, practices and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the project proposal will increase access to cultural beliefs/customs through a variety of culturally based teachings/activities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s elected leaders hereby concur with the need to pursue these ends for the benefit of future generations.

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 grant application to the First Nations Development Institute FY2014 Native Youth & Culture Fund to conduct an Indian Village Camp in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute any relevant grant application documents necessary to complete the application for submission prior to the March 20, 2014 application deadline.

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 February 26, 2014 at the Little River Band’s Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

[Signed]
Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder

[Signed]
Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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