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RESOLUTION NO. #00-0522-04

APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS' (TRIBAL) SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM WITH CARE ACCREDITATION.

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under PL 103-324, which was enacted on September 21, 1994, and;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribal Constitution), approved July 10, 1998, has the authority to protect and promote the welfare of tribal members, and;

WHEREAS, the regulation, control and prohibition of certain conduct is necessary to protect the health, security and general welfare of the Tribe and its members, and;

WHEREAS, there is an interest in providing more and better services to tribal members, and;

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a matter of serious tribal concern, and;

WHEREAS, there is technical assistance available to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians through the ITC (Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan) Helping Hand Program to assist with the development and accreditation of a comprehensive substance abuse program, and

WHEREAS, the ITC "Helping Hands" program also provides limited funding opportunities (0.5 F.T. E. funding) for counseling services once the tribe's substance abuse program is accredited, and; WHEREAS, there is both a desire and support for these efforts on the part of the tribal Family Services Department and Health Department to provide substance abuse services in four primary areas, i.e., (1) Screening and Assessment, (2) Community Education and Prevention, (3) Outpatient Treatment and also (4) After-Care;

WHEREAS, the work group that brought this consideration to this point recommends the formation of a substance abuse committee and a program director/counselor/worker to u address additional developmental and implementation needs of the tribal substance abuse services program and these recommendations are also hereby approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council supports the development of substance abuse prevention and treatment services, the acceptance of the technical assistance through ITC and application for CARF accreditation and licensure to the State of Michigan in FY2000. Further, it is understood that this process involves the integration of the program under the Indian Health Services umbrella, which also meets with a royal of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians during a Regular Session held at the Little River Band Community Center on May 22, 2000, by a vote of <u>S</u> in favor, <u>(opposed, D</u> absent, and <u>D</u> abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

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Connie Waitner, Councilor

Attest: