



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**ORIGINAL**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-07-25-01

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF  
OTTAWA INDIANS IN THE FY-2003 OPERATION WALKING SHIELD  
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a long and proud history as a Nation which pre-dates the establishment of the government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was a signatory of the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 and the Treaty of Detroit of July 31, 1855 with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians status as a federally-recognized Tribe was reaffirmed and restored by the United States Congress in Public Law 103-324; 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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council has reviewed an invitation from the Walking Shield American Indian Society to participate in the FY-2003 Operation Walking Shield Program; and

WHEREAS, the Operation Walking Shield Program would, among other things, commit to arranging the mobilization of assistance from resources from the United States military to assist with Tribe with the construction of houses, roads, and/or other infrastructure on the Little River Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians can benefit greatly from the acceptance of this invitation; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribe's participation in the Walking Shield Program would require the Little River Band to provide a \$75,000 grant to the Walking Shield American Indian Society to facilitate the mobilization of resources and provide support for the military combat and construction engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been informed that funding allocated to the Tribe under the authority of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) may be utilized to fund the Tribe's commitment of resources to activities undertaken with Operation Walking Shield Program, including the \$75,000.00 mobilization grant to the Walking Shield American Indian Society; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is informed that the Little River Band Housing Commission and other Tribal agencies will be pursuing funding to assist in meeting the Tribe's financial requirements under the Walking Shield Program, including requesting approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to utilize NAHASDA block grant funds for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band also agrees to work with the Walking Shield American Indian Society in seeking a grant from the Indian Health Service in the amount of \$20,000 to provide food and lodging for military medical and dental teams during their stay on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council accepts the invitation of the Walking Shield American Indian Society to participate in the FY-2003 Operation Walking Shield Program.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band agrees to provide the Walking Shield American Indian Society with a grant of \$75,000.00, which would be used by the Walking Shield American Indian Society to finance the mobilization of resources from the U.S. Department of Defense, including military personnel and construction engineers, to carry out Operation Walking Shield Programs on the Little River Reservation and other Indian communities.

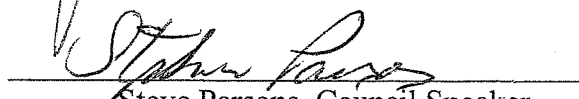
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band agrees to provide food and lodging for military medical and dental teams during their stay on the Little River Reservation.

IT IS FINALLY AGREED that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Ogema to forward a letter to the Walking Shield American Indian Society confirming the Tribe's acceptance of the invitation to participate in the Operation Walking Shield Program.

CERTIFICATION 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 absent, and 0 abstaining, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on July 25, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Janine Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:   
Steve Parsons, Council Speaker

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