## LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS



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## **Resolution # 01-1024-03**

Calling for Support and Cooperation in the Development of Emergency Response Procedures by Tribes, the State of Michigan, its Counties and Local Governments

- WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.); 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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article V, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, "to exercise the inherent powers of the Little River Band by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions not inconsistent with this Constitution ... to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members;"
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has monitored the recent terrorist activity of September 11, 2001 and offers its support and condolences to those directly and indirectly affected by those actions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has monitored the goals and objectives of the President of the United States and the Congress in responding to those terrorist actions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has monitored the news reports following the September 11, 2001 terrorist actions and the allegations that additional actions such as biological weapons, car/truck bombs, and hijacking smaller planes; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it has a responsibility to provide protection for its members and individuals living within its jurisdiction from these types of actions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the cooperation of all governmental entities from federal, state, local and Tribal levels will be necessary to formulate emergency responses and provide necessary protections for individuals living in our communities; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that this cooperation will result in the allocation of limited funds and resources in a manner that best accomplishes the goals of protecting communities that interact and in some circumstances overlap;

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby calls upon all governmental agencies and offices to work cooperatively to develop emergency responses to terrorist threats and actions that may affect our communities.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with  $\mathcal{L}$  FOR,  $\mathcal{L}$  AGAINST,  $\mathcal{L}$  ABSENT, and  $\mathcal{L}$  ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on October 24, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.

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Council Speaker