



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

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Resolution # 01-1205-08

Adopting GWIIDOOKAADIMI - "We are Helping Each Other" For Fiscal Year 2001

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 members of the Tribe maintain cultural and historical practices of helping each other through immediate and extended family; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tribe are all family in regards to the governmental responsibility of the leaders of the Tribe as represented in the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Tribal officials, whether as a government or part of the historical clan systems, have had a responsibility to protect and provide for the members of the Tribe that predate the creation and organization of the United States or even European contact with the Anishnaabek; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution sets the responsibilities of the leaders of the Tribe - Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council identifies programs regarding health, housing, and education that assists Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema implements these programs to their fullest extent by establishing departments and hiring personnel, as well as by providing fish, elk and other game for feasts and celebrations of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, both the Tribal Ogema and the Tribal Council must work cooperatively to extend financial assistance to members during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that the events of the past year have created difficult economic times for the membership as a result of the current recession; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined, based on internal data and information, that there is an immediate need for economic relief for the membership during this period; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that this economic relief in the form of a payment

to each member in the most appropriate manner in which the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema can fulfill their responsibilities and leaders of the Tribe to their extended family or members of the Tribe;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves Gwiidookadaadimi for Fiscal Year 2001 and directs its implementation in the form set forth in this resolution.

Gwiidookadaadimi for Fiscal Year 2001

Section 1. For Fiscal Year 2001, Gwiidookadaadimi will consist of a payment of \$350 made in the following manner.

- a. Directly to each member who is eighteen years of age or older and enrolled as of the ___ day of December, 2001.
- b. Into a trust account for those members who are under the age of eighteen and enrolled as of the 5th day of December, 2001 (*Minor Trust Account*).
- c. Into a trust account for those members who have applications for enrollment filed on or before the 5th day of December, 2001 but have not yet been acted upon (*Application Trust Account*).

Section 2. The Enrollment Department shall –

- a. Certify a list of all persons falling into the categories identified in Section 1 on or before the 10th day of December, 2001.
- b. Work with the Chief Financial Officer to set up the Minor Trust Account and the Application Trust Account identified in Section 1 (b) and 1(c). Such accounts shall be set up within 30 days of the disbursement of checks to those persons identified in Section 1(a).
- c. Work with the representative from the Accounting Department to identify the appropriate information necessary to mail checks to those persons identified in Section 1(a) as soon as is reasonable after adoption of this resolution by Tribal Council and ratification by the Tribal Ogema.
- d. Disburse checks to persons reaching the age of 18 from the Minor Trust Account in the same manner as proscribed in sections 6.04 and 6.05 of Ordinance # 98-200-04.

Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer shall –

- a. Designate a representative(s) from the Accounting Department to work with the Enrollment Department to disburse checks and monitor the Minor and Application Trust Accounts.
- b. Designate funds derived from unrestricted general funds revenue/balance sufficient to cover the total number of persons identified in Section 1.
- c. Work in coordination with the Enrollment Department to set up group trust accounts for the Minor Trust Account and Application Trust Accounts within 30 days of the disbursement of checks to those persons identified in Section 1(a).

Section 4. The Application Trust Account shall be maintained until all funds are disbursed as set

forth in this section. No funds shall be disbursed to either an individual, the Minor Trust Account or returned to the Tribe until such time as the individual applicant has received a final determination on his or her application. A final determination as used here means the completion of all available appeals within any deadlines set forth in Ordinance #97-200-01 (*Enrollment Ordinance*).

a. Upon a final determination to approve enrollment, the Enrollment Department shall disburse the Gwiidookadaadimi for Fiscal Year 2001 (\$350), and the proportional share of interest, if any, related thereto, within 30 days of the final determination. Provided that, payments to new members under the age of 18, shall be made to the Minor Trust Account and paid out as set forth in Section 2(d).

b. Upon a final determination to deny enrollment, the Enrollment Department shall notify the Chief Financial Officer that the Gwiidookadaadimi for Fiscal Year 2001, and the proportional share of interest related thereto, should be returned to the General Fund of the Tribe, or other similar account.

CERTIFICATE 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 December 5, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Jamaine Upz
Council Recorder

Stephen Pau
Attest: Council Speaker

Presentation of Budget Appropriation and Amendment for Approval to the Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, section 5(a)(6) and section 5(c) of the Constitution, the foregoing Resolution approving an amendment to the budget for the Tribe, and appropriation for the same, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema: 12/6/01

Signature of Tribal Council Recorder: Jamaine Upz

Action by the Tribal Ogema: ✓ Approved Disapproved (Attach Comments)

Date: 12/7/01

Signature of Tribal Ogema: Robert Shurtz



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December 10, 2001

Dear Tribal Member,

There have been many things that have occurred over the past year on a national and local level that have affected the Tribe and its members. Some of these things are positive – such as increased member services through new or improved programs. Some not so positive, we are all feeling the emotional effects and economic recession as a result of the actions of September 11, 2001.

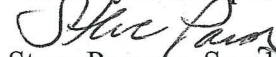
Historically, the leaders of the Tribe have had a responsibility to each member as if each were a member of their family. The Tribal Council recognizes this traditional responsibility and has determined that it is in the best interests of the membership to institute a program referred to as *GWIIDOOKADAADIMI* - “We are Helping Each Other” For Fiscal Year 2001. The enclosed check represents the results of this action. In light of the recession throughout the United States, the Tribal leadership felt strongly that relief in some form was necessary for our members.

It is important to understand that this payment does not represent a ‘Christmas Gift’ or a ‘per capita payment.’ It is equally as important to note that this payment is taxable income for every individual and it is up to every individual to report this money as income.

As we move into 2002, the Tribal Council has included plans to expand services to members that include an ‘At Large Program’ similar to the ‘Extended Health Care Plan’ implemented this year. The program will provide assistance to members regardless of residence through the Health, Housing and Family Services agencies of the Tribe. As we move further into the future, we hope that increasing program benefits and services can substitute for these types of payments to provide direct non-taxable benefits and services to the membership.

We encourage every member to respond to the upcoming Tribal census survey, and to forward comments and suggestions to Tribal agencies. This information will help us to provide services that meet the needs of the membership and allow us to grow in a direction that is beneficial to all.

Sincerely in the spirit of Gwiidookadaadimi,


Steve Parsons, Speaker


Janine Sam, Recorder

Councilors:



Lisa McCatty



Carol Bennett


Pamela Medahko


Charles Fisher


Elaine Porter


Tammy Kleeman


Pat Ruiter