



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 02-0710-04**

*Adoption of Membership Assistance Program Ordinance, Ordinance # 02-700-04*

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 IV, Section 7(a)(2) of the Constitution to promulgate ordinances protecting the health and welfare of the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the creation of a Membership Assistance Program consolidating tribally funded benefits for members in the continental United States is a part of that governmental responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Membership Assistance Program Ordinance was drafted based on the program proposed by the Tribal Ogema in Fiscal Year 2002 budget and contains the first new program, home repair, along with existing Family Services Department programs; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Ogema Jonnie J. Sam, II, through his designated representative, had developed initial regulations to implement this program with projected start date of June 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a result of development of the ordinance and regulations taking longer than anticipated the programs have been delayed in implementation; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Ogema Jonnie J. Sam, II, has approved the regulations for implementation of this program and has determined that these programs are in the best interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that adoption of this ordinance is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby adopts the Membership Assistance Program Ordinance, Ordinance # 02-700-04, for immediate implementation with actual access to the programs to be completed by September 1, 2002, or earlier if possible;

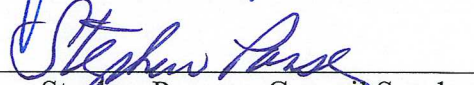
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that notice of implementation of actual access to the programs in the Membership Assistance Program Ordinance be provided to Tribal Council;

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby directs that the program budgets and job descriptions be presented to the Tribal Council in a Work Session prior to implementation of the initial programs.

**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 July 10, 2002, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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