

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-1015-350

*Placing a Moratorium of Activities For Minor Children by Committees and Commissions
Programs and Requesting Reports on Past and Proposed Activities*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; 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) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has created various committees and commissions with specified delegated responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, these committees and commissions have engaged in activities at which members, the community, and the general public have been invited to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has expressed concern that these activities are not being adequately managed for the purposes of risk management, procedures, and qualifications or rules; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has expressed concern that activities by programs of the Tribe are not being adequately managed for the purposes of risk management, procedures, and qualifications or rules; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that these activities, while ultimately beneficial programs for children, pose risk management hazards, as well as questions regarding procedures and qualifications or rules which may not be adequately addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council had determined the placing a moratorium of public activities of committees and commissions for children, and requesting the Ogema to do the same, until such time as the appropriate risk management, procedures, and qualifications or rules can be reviewed, and approved by the Tribal Council or the Ogema as appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby directs the Chairperson of each committee or commission to present a report to the Tribal Council, no later than November 12, 2003, which contains the following information.

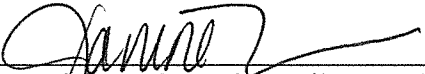
1. Name of Commission or Committee
2. Public activities proposed/scheduled for the next six months and requesting the same information for the past year activities.
 - a. Description of activity - including the days the activity will be held
 - b. Estimated number of participants, age groups
 - c. Where the activity will be held
 - d. Who will be conducting the activity, and identification of decision makers
 1. employees
 2. members of the committee or commission
 3. volunteers
 4. qualifications to participate in conducting the activity
3. Attachment of all related documents for each activity identified

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby directs that no committee or commission may hold a public event for children until such time as the report is submitted and reviewed by the Tribal Council for further action. The Tribal Council recognizes that some public events may have been scheduled and that exceptions to this prohibition may be necessary. The Chairperson of a committee or commission may request an exception by presenting a resolution duly adopted by the committee or commission to the liaison to be brought forward for action by the Tribal Council. The resolution shall identify the public event, the dates of the event, the potential participants, and the reasons for requesting the exception.

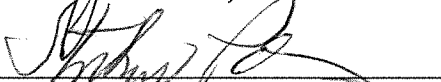
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests the Ogema to conduct the same review of public events held by Programs.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 15, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janire M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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