

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 03-1018-353

#### *Re-Creation of the Education Committee and Setting Purpose and Goals*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aniřhinaábek* (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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(g) to establish rules and procedures to regulate all meetings of the Tribal Council, standing committees, special committees and such other regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations created by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the *Committee Procedures Policy*, which directs in Section 1(A) that, the Committees shall be composed of Tribal members and other interested persons who shall meet and discuss specific issues in order to provide information to the Tribal Council so that the Council can make better informed decisions that affect the Tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has created an Education Committee which has met from time to time and which is currently in the process of developing a work plan as required under the *Committee Procedures Policy*; and

WHEREAS, the Education Committee has requested clarification and restatement of the purpose and goals of the Committee and has recommended appropriate language; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that a committee delegated the task of reviewing activities of the Tribe which involve as a purpose the education of Tribal members - such as the Language Camp, children's activities, Leadership Camp, Business Camp, and other training or work shops provided for members or in which members may participate - is an appropriate action;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby directs that the purpose and goals of the Education Committee is as follows.

"The Education Committee is created by the Tribal Council to collect information related to the educational services provided by the Tribe and available to Tribal members in order to provide reports and recommendations to the Tribal Council and the Ogema on activities, areas of improvement and in need of improvement, or suggestions for developing other educational services."

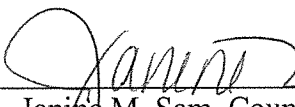
"The Education Committee is specifically delegated the ability to request reports on activities of the Tribe that involve members or that provide educational opportunities to members, provided that confidential information may be withheld and reported in a statistical manner to the Committee."


"The Education Committee is specifically delegated the responsibility to act as required in federal grants received which require committee to be available regarding such federal grant programs."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby requests the Education Committee to forward a Work Plan for approval within a reasonable time that is consistent with the purpose and goals set forth above.

#### **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 October 22, 2003, 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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