



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660

Resolution # 04-0512-201

Resolution of support for Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Services to participate in the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Epicenter Youth Tobacco Survey Project

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng 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 health disparity areas of cancer, diabetes, heart disease and lung disease are of concern to tribal communities, it is recognized that many deaths due to these diseases are preventable; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that one of the major risk factors for the cause of these diseases or their complications is the abuse of tobacco products, we also recognize that we do not have good information regarding the extent of tobacco abuse among our youth; and

WHEREAS, the American Legacy Foundation has awarded a grant to the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council EpiCenter for the purposes of assisting the tribes in Michigan to establish a youth tobacco use baseline through the administration of a youth tobacco survey; and


WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council EpiCenter is staffed by qualified epidemiologists who will provide assistance to all tribes participating in the Michigan Youth Tobacco survey project; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians support the efforts of Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Services to document a baseline level of tobacco product abuse by adolescents in order to develop and evaluate prevention programs within the Tribal community.

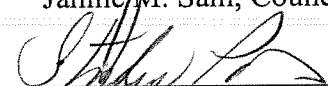
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council endorses Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health Services participation in the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council EpiCenter Youth Tobacco survey Project.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 12, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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