

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0519-209

*Notice of Intent to Implement the 2004 Tax Relief and High Fuel Cost Relief Program
and Requesting Ogema to Identify Proposed Funding Sources*

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 identified that the fluctuating economy and slow growth in jobs has resulted in an inordinately high tax impact on the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that the rising fuel costs for transportation to and from work and for family activities does not show any immediate signs of returning to normal costs and in fact shows signs of increasing in costs thus negatively impacting the purchasing power of membership income which is not rising in time to meet these increased costs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that the rising fuel costs for home heating and cooking shows no signs of returning to normal levels and in fact shows signs of increasing in costs thus negatively impacting the purchasing power of membership income which is not rising in time to meet these increased costs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has developed a proposed program that would make relief payments to the working membership at a time when high home heating fuel costs will begin to coincide with the impact of high fuel transportation costs; and

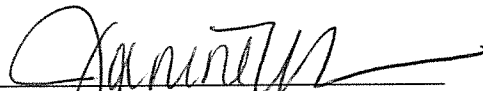
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has expressed its intention to adopt this program in time to allow relief payments to be made and desires the Ogema and Tribal Council to work together to identify proposed funding for this program;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby expresses its intent to adopt the 2004 Tax Relief and High Fuel Costs Relief Ordinance during this fiscal year and to provide relief payments to members prior to the end of this fiscal year.

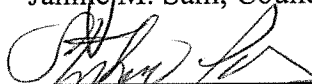
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council is requesting the Ogema to provide tentative funding sources for this program prior to August 1, 2004, and sets for its intention to schedule a public work session to discussion finalization of funding sources in cooperation with the Ogema.

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, 1 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 19, 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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