



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 04-0630-287

Establishing Responsibilities to Inform the Membership Through the Tribe's Newspaper

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 Recorder of the Tribal Council is delegated, under Article IV, Section 5(b)(2), the responsibility to keep the members informed as to the status of the activities of the Council and other matters affecting the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema is delegated, under Article V, Section 5(a)(1), to enforce and execute the laws, ordinances and resolutions of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has utilized various information methods since 1994, of which a newsletter or newspaper format has been consistently presented; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has managed a department and/or employee which has developed the newspaper for presentation during this time period, and that the newspaper is now being developed with specific deadlines and in a newspaper format with the goal to be delivered at a consistent time each month; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper of the Tribe has become a primary information resource for Tribal members, and inclusion of Tribal Council information, especially that of the Recorder, must be an important part of that information resource; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper of the Tribe is also of great importance in reporting the Ogema's activities to the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that informing the Ogema, and the Ogema informing the Tribal Council, of actions taken during the prior month, is important in coordinating activities, responses and policies;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby identifies that constitutional responsibilities of keeping the membership informed shall be conducted through the Tribe's newspaper on behalf of the Recorder, Tribal Council and Ogema.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that the following time lines and actions shall be taken in regards to publication of the Tribe's newspaper.

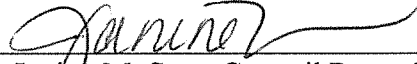
1. The general deadline for submission of information by membership at large and departments of the tribe is established as the first day of each month.
2. The Tribal Council and Ogema shall submit information no later than the 5th day of each month.
3. The newspaper shall be submitted for publishing no later than the 15th of each month.
4. The Tribal Council and Ogema shall forward, to each other, for information purposes only, their respective monthly submissions.
5. The Ogema and Tribal Council shall each have included in the newspaper a column or article for the purposes of carrying out the constitutional responsibilities of informing the membership.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs the Ogema, as well as any staff, to provide assistance when requested to ensure the Tribal Council information is included on a monthly basis, as requested by the Recorder or other member of Tribal Council when such request is made in writing prior to the 5th day of the month.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this resolution remains in full force and effect until such time as superceded by ordinance, or amended by Tribal Council.

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 June 30, 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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