



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04-0908-372**

*Adoption of Amendments to the Membership Assistance Program Ordinance  
# 04-700-04*

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; 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 adopted the Membership Assistance Program Ordinance and delegated responsibilities for collection of information related to program development to the Membership Assistance Department through the Community Wellbeing and Support Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that appropriate program development depends on adequate and timely information regarding the lives and wellbeing of the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and that this information can best be obtained through surveys developed through cross-program teamwork developed by a single department; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that much of this private and very personal information is difficult to obtain as a result of the members desiring to maintain their privacy; and

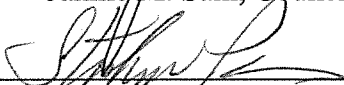
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified through the census project, and the very high results received on the 2003 Community Wellbeing and Support Program, that compensating members for the time spent on providing responses to the Community Wellbeing and Support survey responses encourages members to assist the Tribe in obtaining needed information as well as providing a direct benefit to those members;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby re-authorizes and adopts the Membership Assistance Program Ordinance. # 04-70004, which includes amendments to the Community Wellbeing and Support Program to provided for amended survey compensation and mailing timelines.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 8, 2004, at the Little River Band's Dome Room 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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