



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 04-1201-484**

*Approval of Christmas Food Voucher Gift To Membership*

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

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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(i)(2), to manage the funds of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the holiday season places an added burden on Tribal members gathering together for these special times and desires to give a food voucher to each family in the amount of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a certification of availability of funds for this program and a budget modification has been made to fund this program;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of a \$100.00 voucher to each Tribal member family as set forth below to be managed and organized through the Members Assistance Department.

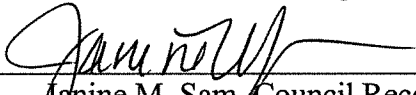
1. Each Tribal member family shall be defined as those members living at a single address, regardless of the number of adults or families. Each Tribal member family shall include each Tribal member in foster care. Tribal member family shall not include those incarcerated members as no additional costs family meals are identified. A Tribal member family is eligible so long as one member in that family unit was enrolled in the Tribe on or before December 1, 2004. The Enrollment Department shall determine the head of household, and/or Tribal member family.
2. The Accounting Department and Members Assistance Department shall receive the electronic list of names and addresses from the Enrollment Department for the purposes of this program.
3. The payment shall be a \$100.00 check made payable to the head of the household, adult, or minor member in foster care. The check shall identify in the register or other section that the purpose of the check is the "Christmas Food Voucher."
4. The payment shall be made on or around December 8<sup>th</sup> in order to allow the checks to be received in time to offset costs for the family Christmas meal.
5. The payment shall include correspondence from Tribal Council.

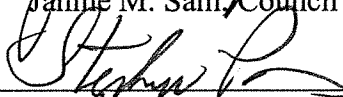
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a Tribal member family, who has not receive this payment, must contact the Members Assistance Department on or before the close of business on December 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to have the payment mailed to them as early as reasonably possible after a determination has been made that the Tribal member family was eligible to receive the program benefit and did not.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this program is intended to be a benefit to Tribal member families. The Members Assistance Department is given reasonable discretion to make determinations regarding this program, provided that all determinations must be documented in writing explaining the determination made. For purposes of documentation, the list provided by the Enrollment Department shall be considered documentation for each Tribal member family on the list.

#### **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 December 1, 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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