Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05 0615-252

Emergency Amendments to the Community Wellbeing and Support Program Start Date

- WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.); and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a 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 vested with the authority, 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 adopted the <u>Membership Assistance Program Ordinance</u> which adopts benefit programs for the membership; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted amendments to the ordinance in order to have a longer application period for the Community Wellbeing and Support Program in order to allow members to have greater control regarding the timing of responding to the required survey and receiving reimbursement; and
- WHEREAS, section 7.06 of the Ordinance identifies that the Membership Assistance Department will forward survey reimbursement requests to the Accounting Department on a weekly basis to begin check preparation and mail-outs; and
- WHEREAS, the Membership Assistance Department has identified that it does not need the processing period between June 22nd and July 10th as identified in this section in order to begin processing survey reimbursement requests; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that as a result, there is no requirement to maintain a delay in the initial survey reimbursement requests and that authorization to begin the processing earlier should be authorized;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the <u>Administrative Procedures Act - Ordinances</u> which identifies processes by which ordinances may be adopted, amended, or repealed, and which also identifies processes by which emergency amendments may be authorized;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that emergency adoption to allow earlier start date for the program is in the best interests of the membership;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby adopts, under authority of Article V of the <u>Administrative Procedures Act - Ordinances</u>, the emergency amendments to the <u>Membership Assistance Program Ordinance</u> amending the July 10th date in section 7.06 to reflect June 22nd start date, which shall be effective for a six month period or until permanent amendments can be presented for Public Comment and permanently adopted.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs that the amendments be posted for Public Comment and that these amendments shall be incorporated with the ongoing emergency action posting directed by resolution # 05-0608-239.

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 _ VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 15, 2005 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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