



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 05-0720-333

#### *Restrictions on Travel*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 concerns regarding expenditures related to Travel, in light of recent expenditures that appear either excessive or not warranted, and in some instances possibly not within purposes of the approved FY 2005 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)2, to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the little river band, and all expenditures of funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets authorized by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also adopted Chapter 2, Travel Regulations, Regulation #R100-04:AC-02, that determines the process by which Travel is authorized, and defines who can authorize Travel under Section 6 of that regulation.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council by adoption of this resolution hereby suspends authorization of any expenditures of government funds from any budget with the Tribal Government Operations Budget as approved for FY 2005, in the specific line items as follows effective as of Monday, July 25, 2005, pending investigation:

GL#5801 – Training  
GL#5802 - Travel

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Comptroller General is directed to conduct an investigation into all travel related activities and to issue an investigation report that includes at minimum the following information:

1. Proper authorizations are in place in accordance with the Regulations
2. The expenditures were in accordance with the approved budget and appropriation of the respective department
3. Travel Reports are on file, and the reports clearly identify that the expenditure is directly related to an authorized governmental function.

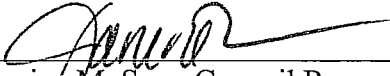
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the suspension of all travel activities and expenditures applies equally to all government officials and staff until the findings of the investigation are accepted by the Tribal Council. Any travel related activities that are deemed necessary during this suspension period must be authorized by a resolution of the Tribal Council approving the expenditure and authorizing the justification for the travel. Any travel expenditures in absence of a resolution authorizing the exception during this suspension period will be turned over to the Tribal Prosecutor for misappropriation of Tribal Funds.

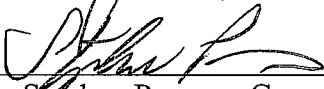
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the following areas are excluded from application of this restriction on travel during the suspension period:

1. Travel associated with Indian Child Welfare matters for the Prosecutor and Family Services staff
2. Travel associated with CHR home visits or transports of clients for services
3. Travel associated with mileage reimbursements between government buildings

**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, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 20, 2005, 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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