



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0727-342

Adopting an action plan to provide Direction to the Ogema for the purpose of clinical coverage at the Tribal Health Clinic

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 received a number of concerns or complaints from Membership regarding the negative impact that the members experience when there is not a doctor available to see patients either due to vacation or other reasons that arise during the normal course of the year, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the health needs of the membership are a priority to be addressed in as expedient a manner as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that the Tribal Ogema has also been made aware of these concerns by members either through Public Comment portions of hearings, his own personal attendance at Tribal Elders meetings, as well as individual members attempting to comment on this matter to the Ogema's office directly.

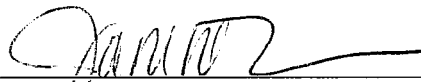
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby requests that the Ogema and Health Director plan for the addition of another practitioner to provide health services in the Tribal Clinic by including funds in the FY 2006 budget to provide salary and benefits for either a Family Nurse Practitioner or Physicians Assistant.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby requests that the Ogema and Health Director plan for the addition of this practitioner during this fiscal year if possible, by bringing forward a supplemental appropriation if necessary to add the position during this fiscal year; by initiating recruiting efforts by Human Resources to hire this additional position within the hiring processes of the Tribe, and making a goal of adding an additional clinician for patient coverage by this November, if possible.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby requests that the Ogema and Health Director investigate alternative coverage during the interim time period between today and when a new clinician will be hired by either negotiating a coverage contract with a local physician or clinic, or providing another mechanism for coverage, and returning such plan for interim coverage to the Tribal Council for consideration by the last meeting of August.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 27, 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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