



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0803-363

Further Clarifying Restrictions on Travel

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 adopted resolution # 05-0720-333 which restricted travel, directed and investigation, required Tribal Council authorization of necessary travel expenditures, and authorized exceptions to those restrictions based on necessary business related travel; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Tribal Council was to identify the travel activities of the Tribe, which it believes is occurring outside of authorized budget activities, in an excessive amount, and can be better coordinated to both save expenses and to bring training to the Tribe to allow a greater number of employees to attend and benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was aware that authorization of reasonable, budgeted, and work related travel should not be unduly hampered and put in place a mechanism to have authorizations placed on the Tribal Council's agenda without requiring the agenda item to be submitted the prior week; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was aware that this action would require clarification as a result of variety of travel related activities conducted by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to identify clarification of the travel restrictions identified in resolution # 05-0720-333;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby adopts the following additional measures regarding travel to clarify and fully implement resolution # 05-0720-333.

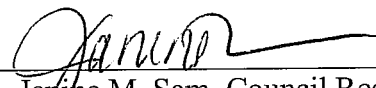
1. All agenda items requesting authorization to travel shall be required to have the following signatures on the agenda request form as well as the travel authorization form.
 - a. Ogema's signature for all executive employee travel.
 - b. Councilor's signature for all Tribal Council, administrative staff, Legislative Legal Department, and Government Business and Accounting Office travel.
 - c. Election Board Chairperson for all Election Board travel.
 - d. Chief Judge for all Tribal Court and administrative staff travel.
2. All business reimbursed mileage shall be accurately and timely filed, shall not require Tribal Council approval, but shall continue to require supervisor authorization. Business related travel shall not include travel beyond a single day round trip, regardless of the length of the trip. Business travel beyond a single day round trip, which requires per diem, hotel charges, and/or registration fees shall require Tribal Council authorization.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, resolutions submitted to authorize travel shall identify, in separate Whereas paragraphs, the following minimum information.

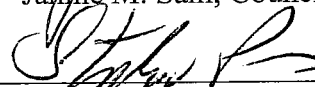
1. Name of employees attending.
2. Name and location of the travel related activity.
3. Purpose of travel and benefit the travel will have for the Tribe.
4. Whether the travel is budgeted, and identified in budget narratives.
5. Estimated cost of travel.
6. Length of travel.

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 August 3, 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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