



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-1005-498

Interim Emergency Disaster Relief Act of 2005 - Amendment to Include Victims of Hurricane Rita

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 identified a gap in the provision of services to persons affected by disasters, especially where federal, state and local programs are unable to meet the immediate needs of those persons, including basic food, clothing, shelter, and health care needs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that as a result of long term federal policies, and personal economic needs of individuals, that members live throughout the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that members, regardless of where they reside, in times of disaster, should be able to rely upon their government, the Little River Band of Ottawa, as they have historically relied upon each other, to provide assistance in times of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution # 05-0914-459, which was intended to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina, and has subsequently identified the need to provide relief to those affected by Hurricane Rita which hit near the Texas and Louisiana borders, affecting additional members;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby amends the *Interim Emergency Disaster Relief Act of 2005* and makes assistance available to those members affected by Hurricane Rita under the same qualifications and processes.

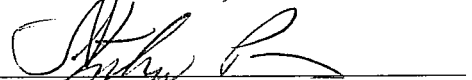
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it is the intention of the Tribal Council that this program provides direct funding to these members without delay. The Members Assistance Program is encouraged to take all efforts to contact persons living in the area devastated by Hurricane Rita in order to determine whether Relief Funds are needed.

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, 1 ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 5, 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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