Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



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Resolution # 05-1012-512

Resolution Authorizing Sponsorship for Ms. Keshonna A. Lones- Miss Illinois USA

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng 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 has been delegated Legislative powers by the membership, and 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 Constitution of the Little River Band limits any spending of government funds to those items authorized by Tribal Council in an approved budget, and the Tribal Council has within its own budget a line item for sponsorships and donations with sufficient funding to cover the cost of sponsorship on behalf of Ms. Lones; and
- WHEREAS, this specific sponsorship is not identified in the budget narrative for the Tribal Council, and the Tribal Council desires to modify its budget narrative to include a sponsorship for Keshonna Lones in the Miss Illinois USA Pageant for 2006; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been notified that Keshonna Lones is a state finalist in the 2006 Miss Illinois USA Pageant, and the sponsorship required is due and payable during the months of October and November of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that this is a unique opportunity for Keshonna Lones, as this pageant is affiliated with the nationally recognized and televised Miss USA and Miss Teen USA pageants, and Tribal Council is willing to provide a donation to pay the sponsorship to enable Ms. Lones to continue as a finalist.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT by this Resolution the Tribal Council does hereby amend its budget narrative to include within Program #100-100-5304, justification in the amount of nine hundred ninety five (\$995.00) dollars to sponsor Ms. Keshonna Lones in the Miss Illinois USA Pageant.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes an expenditure from the line item #5304 within its own budget in the amount of \$995.00, to cover the cost of the entire sponsorship amount, to be paid to Miss Illinois USA on behalf of Ms. Keshonna Lones.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 12, 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