



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 05-1019-532

*Approving a Small Business Incentive Grant to be Awarded to Good Thunder Motorcycle  
in the Amount of \$200,000*

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 the Small Business Incentive Program Code which created a grant program for the purpose of providing economic development opportunities for the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has appointed members to the Small Business Incentive Program Task Force which has been delegated responsibility to review application in accordance with the Ordinance and to provide a recommendation to the Tribal Council for final action; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Incentive Task Force has received an application from Good Thunder Motorcycle as an existing business in September of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that the Small Business Incentive Task Force, after discussing this matter with the Economic Development Coordinator, believed that this application did not meet the existing business criteria, and as a result requested that the applicant re-file their application under the new business application process in section 6.04; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the recommendations of the Small Business Incentive Task Force in its report identified that the Task Force determined that the applicant did not meet the existing business application requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Incentive Task Force has identified the strengths and weaknesses of the business which meet the qualifications of the new business applicant under section 6.04(a) and the Task Force has identified that it would grant the same amount available under that section 5.04; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concurs with the recommendation of the Task Force to disburse funds to the business entity, that the Task Force identified qualifications and submissions that meet the requirements of the Ordinance and that the Task Force has identified a recommendation to award a grant under those qualifications; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the Task Force has made a recommendation and that the recommendation is to award a grant under the new business application qualifications;

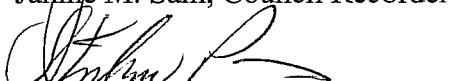
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes a grant of \$200,000 to be awarded to Good Thunder Motorcycle under Section 6.04 of the Small Business Incentive Program Code and authorizes the Ogema to disburse the funds.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council directs the Small Business Incentive Program Task Force to review the Ordinance in regards to new, existing, and mixed use applications and to create appropriate check lists and applications for the different processes.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 19, 2005, at the Little River Band's Conference 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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