

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-1102-570

Approval of Holiday Food Voucher Gift To Membership

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aniřhinaábek* (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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(i)(2), to manage the funds of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the holiday season places an added burden on Tribal members gathering together for these special times and desires to give a food voucher to each adult Tribal member in the amount of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a certification of availability of funds for this program and a budget modification has been made to fund this program;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of a \$100.00 voucher to each adult Tribal member as set forth below to be managed and organized through the Members Assistance Department.

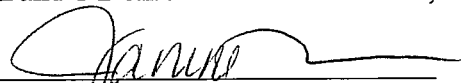
1. Each Adult Tribal member shall be defined as those members age of 18 and older. An Adult Tribal member shall not include those incarcerated members as no additional costs for meals are identified. An Adult Tribal member is eligible so long as the member was enrolled in the Tribe on or before November 2, 2005. The Enrollment Department shall determine the those members 18 and older
2. The Accounting Department and Members Assistance Department shall receive the electronic list of names and addresses from the Enrollment Department for the purposes of this program.
3. The payment shall be a \$100.00 check made payable to the adult Tribal member. The check shall identify in the register or other section that the purpose of the check is the "Holiday Food Voucher."
4. The payment shall be made on or around November 24, 2005, in order to allow the checks to be received in time to offset costs for a Holiday meal.
5. The payment shall include correspondence from Tribal Council.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an Adult Tribal member, who has not receive this payment, must contact the Members Assistance Department on or before the close of business on December 22nd in order to have the payment mailed to them as early as reasonably possible after a determination has been made that the Adult Tribal member was eligible to receive the program benefit and did not.

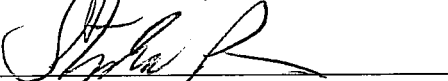
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT this program is intended to be a benefit to Adult Tribal members. The Members Assistance Department is given reasonable discretion to make determinations regarding this program, provided that all determinations must be documented in writing explaining the determination made. For purposes of documentation, the list provided by the Enrollment Department shall be considered documentation for each Adult Tribal member on the list.

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 November 2, 2004, 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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