



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #16-0406-096

Approving the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Assistance Grant for Support Services to Victims of Crime

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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, there is a well-recognized need to provide emergent services to Native Americans who are the victims of crime as well as a need to prevent incidents of family violence; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Crime Victim Services Commission, is providing a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant funding opportunity to tribes in order to provide support services to victims of

Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Drunk Driving, Homicide, Hate Crimes, and Elder Abuse.

WHEREAS, the Tribe is an eligible applicant i.e., Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally-recognized Tribal Government with a Domestic Violence Program; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department Representatives have reviewed this funding opportunity, and recommended that it be pursued in order to help better meet the needs of Tribal Member Victims of crime; and


WHEREAS, the Tribe's elected leaders hereby concur with the pursuit of these ends in order to improve the social and emotional outcomes of crime victims.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approve the submission of the aforementioned grant application with a full understanding of the assurances and that the funding amount will be determined by the funding agency.

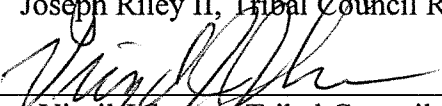
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute any and all grant application documents necessary to complete the application prior to the April 18, 2016 deadline.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 6, 2016, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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