



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution #16-0413-104**

*Approving the submission of a Letter of Inquiry to the Frey Foundation for funding consideration in the amount of \$55,000 to support modifications to the Interim Casino necessary for the Child & Family Development Center*

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, there is a long standing and well-recognized need for childcare, early childhood education and other family related advocacy and supportive services among non-Tribal children and families in the Manistee area; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) has the development of such childcare and related family services center on its Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe owns a building free and clear that is also known as the "Interim Casino", a building that is located on Tribal trust land and that would be suitable, with renovation, to house a carefully selected array of services designed to serve the needs of children and families in the area; and

WHEREAS, for approximately two years, Tribal Representatives from the Family Services Department, with the assistance of a Consultant have been actively

engaged in developing a comprehensive, place-based solution to the identified child and family needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the process of planning, community input (Tribal & non-Tribal) has been solicited, and, as a result, the proposed initiative also has very strong support from a large number and variety of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, all of the preliminary planning efforts are not sufficiently well-developed to take the next step forward to seek the needed financial assistance to make this effort a reality; and renovate a Tribally owned building situated on land held in trust by the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, the Frey Foundation has been identified as a possible source of funding that would enable professionally designed building renovations to commence; and

WHEREAS, the Frey Foundation requires that an online Letter of Inquiry be submitted that describes the project and costs: if the letter meets the goals of the foundation, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be invited to develop a full proposal; and

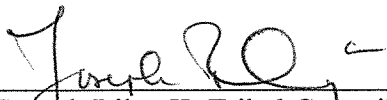
WHEREAS, it is further anticipated that other, similar requests, to other Michigan foundations will also be made to provide additional funding for the proposed Tribal Child and Family Development Center which, if successful, will reduce the related financial obligations of the Tribe.

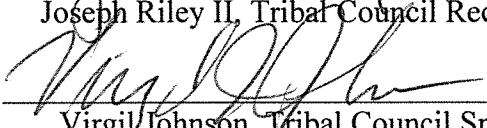
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves of the submittal of a Letter of Inquiry to the Frey Foundation to support \$55,000 of the anticipated renovation costs.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Tribal Ogema to submit the required Letter of Inquiry as well as the full grant application in the event that we are invited to do so. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government is also of the understanding that additional funding, including foundation funding, will be sought to reduce the financial liability of the Tribe.

**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, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 13, 2016, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder

  
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Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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