



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
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Resolution #17-0208-055

*Approving a Letter of Support for Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Family Services
Department Victim Services Program*

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

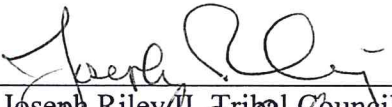
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and the Tribal Ogema, is in support of Little River Band of Ottawa Indian's Victim Service Program for their work with providing cultural advocacy and support services to our tribal community and nine county service area with their ongoing efforts to reduce the incidents of domestic and sexual violence.

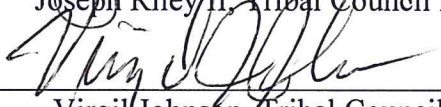
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council approves the Execution of a Letter of Support for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Victim Service Program and be sent to Nadine M. Neufville; Acting Director for Office on Violence Against Women which will be submitted with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Tribal Government Program Solicitation Grant packet from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

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, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 8, 2017, 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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February 8, 2017

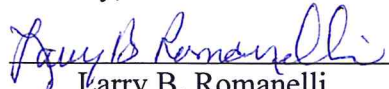
Dear Acting Director Ms. Neufville,


The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council submits this letter in support of the CTAS 2017 Purpose Area #5 OVW Tribal Government Program grant application submitted by our Family Services Department/Victim Services Program. The program works with providing cultural advocacy and supportive services to our tribal community and our neighboring nine county service area. The program continues to make positive efforts in bringing light to the ongoing intimate partnership violence that affects our Native communities.

Victim Service Program provides advocacy, crisis intervention, transitional housing, legal services, supportive services, to our victims as well as makes coordinating efforts to build collaborative relationships with community resource agencies to better service victims. In the past 21 months the program has grown from one staff to three staff in order to better service victims of violence. The program continues to build positive collaborative relationships in the nine county service area which has benefited our tribal members with being able to access immediate services.

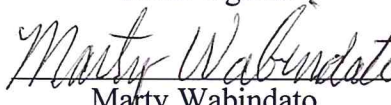
We recognize and appreciate the programs work in reducing domestic and sexual violence and continue to support the programs efforts with meeting the objectives and goals as we see the programs value to our tribal community.

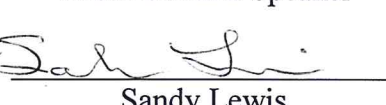
Sincerely,

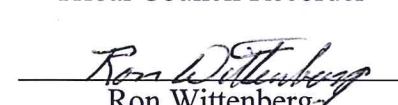

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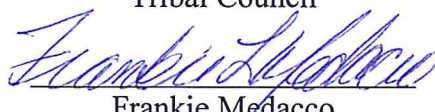

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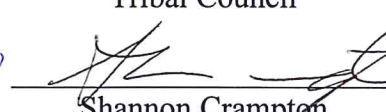

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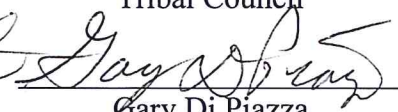

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