



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #18-0228-081

Resolution to Support the Creation of a Tribal Action Plan to Combat Substance Abuse in Our Community

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, alcoholism, addiction, and substance abuse, are among the most severe public health and safety problems facing Native persons, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the problem of substance abuse has resulted in devastating social, economic, physical, mental, and spiritual consequences for Native persons, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Native persons suffer disproportionately from substance abuse disorders compared with other racial groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native persons have been reported to have higher rates of binge drinking and illicit drug use than the national average. Similarly, Native persons have been reported to have higher rates for need of substance abuse treatment than the national average for adults; and

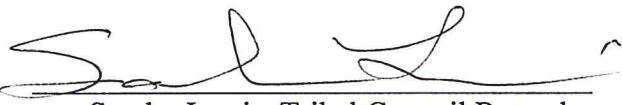
WHEREAS, in 2010, President Obama signed the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, which provided for the creation of Tribal Action Plans to combat substance abuse in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Action Plans support the principle of tribal self-determination and provide tribes the opportunity to take a proactive role in the fight against alcohol and substance abuse in their communities; and

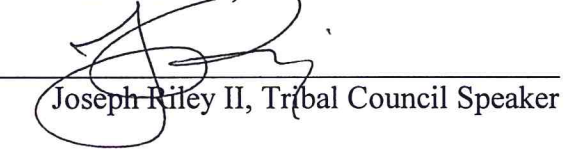
WHEREAS, Tribal Council supports the creation of a Tribal Action Plan to combat substance abuse among its members, families, and community.

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 February 28, 2018, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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