



## **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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### **Resolution #18-0523-160**

#### *Authorization to Participate in Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment*

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, long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging have been awarded grants through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their ACL grant; and

WHEREAS, the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native Elder health care needs;

- General health status
- Activities of daily living
- Screening
- Visual, hearing, and dental
- Memory and disability
- Health care access
- Tobacco and alcohol use
- Nutrition, exercise, and excess weight
- Social support/housing
- Social functioning
- Demographics

WHEREAS, in addition to providing technical assistance, the grant to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii resource centers on Native aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe will each assume responsibilities;

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage on a secure server
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe will provide:

- A Tribal resolution documenting participation in the Native Elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of Elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to Tribal leaders and health officials

WHEREAS, Summary Information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

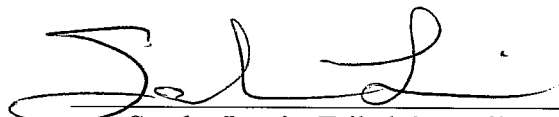
WHEREAS, the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal information is of the utmost importance; therefore the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by Tribal members with a digital copy of the data stored on a secure server at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a period of at least ten years or longer. Paper copies will be retained for 6 months after the cycle ends to ensure accurate data entry then destroyed.

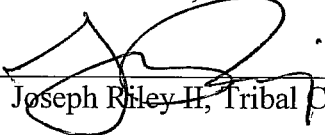
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes participation in the, "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Native Elder social and health needs assessment. The Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians belongs to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional Tribal authorization.

### **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 May 23, 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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