

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council**

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Resolution #19-0515-118

Resolution in Support of the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center from the University of Michigan's Grant Application to the Serva Foundation to study the Michigan Native American for development of tele-health services needs

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) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals and education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and


WHEREAS, Tribal Council is committed to the welfare, care, and protection of Tribal Members and recognize the importance of the Eye Care Study; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is in support of this study for Native American Eye Care Services needs; and

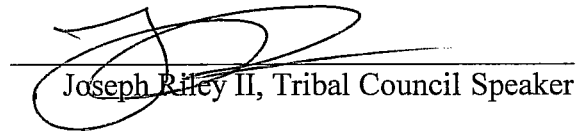
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby submits this resolution in support of the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center's Grant Application to the Serva Foundation to study the eye care needs of Native American Michiganders.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Open Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 15, 2019 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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Dear Joseph,

The W.K. Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan is developing an eHealth program. Kellogg's eHealth services provide a way for underserved patients to receive essential care without traveling to the ophthalmologist's office. eHealth programs to date focus on ways to screen and monitor diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, cataracts, corneal infection, retinopathy of prematurity, and macular degeneration. No specific programs within Kellogg's eHealth portfolio currently target Native Americans. However, with the knowledge gained by a grant we are applying for, we can study how services could be developed in ways best meeting local needs. The grant is sought from the Seva Foundation, an organization which since 1978 has been a leading innovator in the delivery of vital eye care services to the world's most vulnerable people.

The level and type of resources necessary to make programs work in Native American communities or distributed wherever Native Americans reside within Michigan is an important part of the proposed assessment. Some tele-ophthalmology programs can be carried out by patients; others depend on the use of trained local personnel. As fully as possible, it is our intent to augment and build upon existing structures rather than create unneeded new or wasteful ones. The liaison effort with local tribes and others will be a key part in assuring that this occurs.

Can we ask for your support for our grant application by returning this email with some minimal information? No obligations are involved in signifying your support; it just allows us to make the grant application. However, should we receive the grant, we would be delighted to involve you in efforts going forward. Please return the form by **May 17, 2019**. And if you know of others who would like to show support by signing, please forward this email to them.

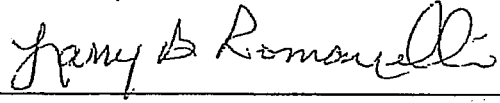
Many thanks,

Paula Anne Newman-Casey, M.D.,
M.S.,
Kellogg Eye Institute

Richard Hirth, Ph.D.,
University of Michigan School of
Public Health

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Kathleen Hughes
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I am pleased to provide support for the Kellogg Eye Center's application to the Seva Foundation to study the eye care needs of Native American Michiganders toward the aim of developing tele-health services to meet them.

Name	Larry B. Romanelli
Signature (can be printed or e-signed)	
Title	Tribal Ogeema
Organization	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Native American Tribes/Bands/Others Served	