

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

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Resolution #19-0807-218

*Resolution Supporting Michigan Indian Legal Services Application for AmeriCorps
Grant Funding in Order to Develop a Medical-Legal Partnership with Little River Band
of Ottawa Indians*

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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the executive powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Ogema according to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized to consult, negotiate and execute agreements and contracts on behalf of the Little River Band with governments, political subdivisions and private parties subject to authorization and ratification by Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema, by and through the Unified Legal Department requests Tribal Council support of a Medical-Legal Partnership with Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS); and

WHEREAS, MILS is a legal aid organization with offices in Traverse City, Michigan that provides qualifying individuals with free legal services; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Leadership recognizes that collaborative partnerships between legal services programs and healthcare institutions can provide low-income patients with means to address critical health-impacting legal needs; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2019, Seattle Pacific University applied to the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) for an AmeriCorps Indian Tribes grant in an effort to continue to implement medical-legal partnerships with low-income Native/American Indian populations across the country; and

WHEREAS, MILS has been designated as one of the subgrantees in the grant application in order to provide services to low-income Native/American Indian populations in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, MILS has submitted an application and would like to include Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a party represented by MILS for the AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Program Grant in an effort to establish medical-legal partnership efforts and implementation of the program at Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, MILS must be identified as a “tribal organization” and must be authorized to act on behalf of and include the tribe in a Corporation for National Community Service grant application for the purpose of conducting the activities and providing the services described in the application; and

WHEREAS, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa(LTBB) and Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa (GTB) have designated MILS as a “tribal organization” and on behalf of LTBB and GTB for the purpose of conducting the activities and providing the services described in the AmeriCorps Indian Tribes grant in Resolutions #032819-01 and #19-37.3106, respectively; and

WHEREAS, MILS will assume full responsibility for the fiscal integrity of this application including full responsibility for any required matching funds; and

WHEREAS, MILS has provided leadership with the draft grant application for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council Supports MILS Application for AmeriCorps Grant Funding in Order to Develop a Medical-Legal Partnership with Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Council hereby approves Michigan Indian Legal Services as a tribal organization and authorizes them to serve as a sub-grantee recipient for federal funding through the Corporation for National and Community Services, on behalf of and including the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, in the proposed grant activities.

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 August 7, 2019, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Council Recorder



Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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