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



2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI 49660

## Resolution #19-1211-332

Approval to provide a Letter of Commitment to participate with District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) in the development of a Ten County Rural Health Network (RHN) during the period of their Planning Grant

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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, District Health Department #10 is applying for a grant to facilitate improved collaboration and coordination of services to those served through a 10 County Region of which the Tribe is a part and with no financial contribution required of the Tribe to participate in the Rural Health Network; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe supports building the capacity of District Health Department #10 and the other proposed Rural Health Network partners for the benefit of Tribal Members in all three Legislative Aims of the initiative: #1) Achieve efficiencies; #2) Expand access to, coordinate, and improve quality of essential health services; and #3) Strengthen the rural health system as a whole; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribe Authorizes a Letter of Commitment in support of District Health Department #10's effort through grant funding to mobilize community advocates and partners (Rural Health Network) to make lasting system and policy changes that improve living conditions at the community level of which the Tribe is a part.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 11, 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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