



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
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**Resolution # 20-0527-159**

*Adopting the Emergency COVID-19 Tribal Business Interruption Grant Program*

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 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 Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema is authorized by Article V, Section 5(a)(1) to enforce and execute the ordinances, resolutions, and motions adopted by the Tribal Council consistent with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude

to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders Number 20-0313-01, 20-0316-01, 20-0323-01, 20-0326-01, 20-0408-01, 20-0415-01, 20-0427-01, and 20-0511-01 were issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the Ogema providing guidance to personnel for travel restrictions and attendance concerns, limiting working government staff to only those areas critical for members' services and restricting access to facilities to discourage public meetings and gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Tribal Ogema, pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-0320-01, officially declared a state of emergency for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has identified a need to establish an Emergency COVID-19 Tribal Business Interruption Grant Program for Tribally owned business that were closed by Executive Order or pursuant to Tribal law due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby supports and adopts the Emergency COVID-19 Tribal Business Interruption Grant Program between the Tribe and eligible businesses wholly owned by the Tribe effective upon adoption of this Resolution through December 30, 2020 for eligible expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council has received a Funds Availability Certification #2020-06 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer for the establishment of the Tribal COVID-19 Business Interruption Grant Program.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chief Financial Officer to approve grant applications submitted pursuant to the Emergency COVID-19 Tribal Business Interruption Grant Program.



**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 4 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at an Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 27, 2020, via Teleconference, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Gary DiPiazza, Council Recorder

  
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Ronald Pete, Council Speaker

Attest:

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