



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-0818-209

Next Generation Learning Center Emergency Plan for Establishing a Citizen First Priority

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, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power 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 Council finds that Emergency Adoption is warranted to address the immediate need of tribal members experiencing hardships due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and that without action the health, safety, and general welfare of the tribe is at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Next Generation Learning Center, a program of the tribe, has mainly benefited non-tribal member children and that the general fund dollars used to off-set the negative operational costs are primarily due to supporting non-tribal members and the center has not come forward with a viable sustainability plan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds the need to prioritize it's members first and it is inline with the tribe's cultural philosophy and traditions that the Next Generation Learning Center shall be limited to enrolled tribal members of the tribe, enrolled tribal members of another tribe, and first generation descendants of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds the need for the Next Generation Learning Center to ensure tribal members are prioritized and ensure placement in the center and hereby authorizes that any tribal member needing placement shall have immediate placement if available; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Next Generation Learning Center shall develop a sustainability plan to ensure continued operations of the center; and

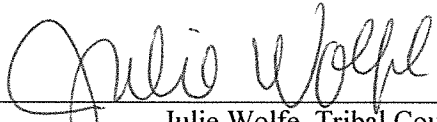
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds the need for the Next Generation Learning Center to implement a Anishinaabe / native curriculum and make active efforts to transition to an immersion Head Start / Early Head Start program; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT,

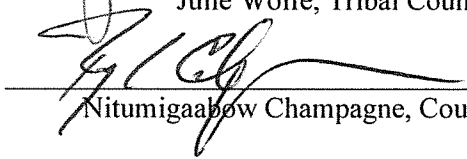
1. Next Generation Learning Center shall develop a sustainability plan to ensure continued operations of the center and such plan shall be presented by the Ogema to Tribal Council for adoption no later than 30 days post adoption of this Resolution; and
2. Next Generation Learning Center shall be limited to enrolled tribal members of the tribe, enrolled tribal members of another tribe, and first-generation descendants of the tribe; and
3. Next Generation Learning Center shall ensure tribal members are prioritized and ensure placement in the center and hereby authorizes that any tribal member needing placement shall have immediate placement and the preference of placement shall be enrolled tribal members of the tribe, enrolled tribal members of another tribe, first generation descendants of the tribe; and
4. Next Generation Learning Center shall implement a Anishinaabe / native curriculum and shall transition to an immersion Head Start / Early Head Start program that utilizes Anishinaabemowin as the primary language of instruction and interaction within one year of adoption of this Resolution.
5. Upon adoption of this Resolution, the current non-eligible enrollees have a 45 days to transition from the center.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Government Center Lodge held on August 18, 2021, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder



Nitumigaabow Champagne, Council Speaker

Attest:

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