



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #22-1012-176

*Approving 2022 Hurricane Ian Catastrophic Emergency Assistance Relief
and Recovery Program*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 has identified a gap in the provision of services to tribal members affected by Hurricane Ian, especially where federal, state and local programs are unable to meet the immediate needs of those persons, including basic food, clothing, shelter, and health care needs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that members, regardless of where they reside, in times of disaster, should be able to rely upon their government, the Little River Band of Ottawa, as they have historically relied upon each other, to provide assistance in times of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware of the immediate needs of tribal members in the area devastated by Hurricane Ian, and knowing that these immediate needs may not be adequately met by federal, state, local and non-profit organizations, the Tribal Council has identified that sufficient funds exist to address these immediate needs and has determined to create program to address these immediate needs;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby creates the *2022 Hurricane Ian Catastrophic Emergency Assistance Relief and Recovery Program* for the benefit of tribal members in the areas impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian. This program directs the following relief be made available to those members immediately, as administered through the Members Assistance Program:

1. *Relief Funds.* The following funds shall be made available to tribal members in the area impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian on a one-time basis only.

- a. *Enrolled Tribal Member* for each enrolled tribal member, the sum of \$3500.00 shall be available. Parents/Guardians of minors that are enrolled LRBOI Tribal Members may apply for assistance for each Tribal Member minor.

2. *Accessibility.* A tribal member who completes an application for Relief Funds.

This information required in the application includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Name of Tribal Member applicant.
- b. Tribal enrollment identification number and Social Security number of Tribal Member; whose name the Relief Funds will be sent.
- d. Address to which the Relief Funds can be sent.

3. *Verification.* In order to protect tribal assets, the *2022 Hurricane Ian Catastrophic Emergency Assistance Relief and Recovery Program* application shall be created to facilitate an expedited process and every effort shall be made to assist impacted Tribal members in completing the forms and electronic signatures shall be acceptable.

4. *Funds.* The Members Assistance Program is directed to forward funds in a speedy and timely manner, and in a form in which the funds can be made most easily available to the member. Such forms may be a check sent overnight or other next day service, funds transfer, or other method.

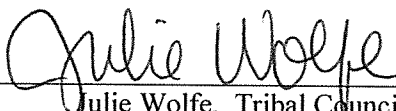
5. *Reporting.* The Members Assistance Program is directed to report to the Tribal Council regarding the activities of this program. A final report shall be submitted to Tribal Council within ninety (90) days of the end of the program.


6. *Conclusion of Program.* This program shall be concluded on December 31, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians operates governmental programs that provide Indian general welfare benefits that are eligible for the exclusion from gross income under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 (the "Act"), 26 USC 139E, which amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income, for income tax purposes, the value of an Indian general welfare benefit; as these program benefits are available to tribal members, are for the promotion of general welfare, are not lavish or extravagant, and are not compensation for services.

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 October 12, 2022, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center with a quorum being present for such vote.


Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder


Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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