



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. 96-0701-Of

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and its members are eligible for all services and benefits provided by the federal government to Indians, as reaffirmed by P.L. 103-324, because of their status as enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, the current Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is authorized by P.L. 103-324 to conduct business on behalf of the Tribe until such time as a new constitution and by-laws are duly adopted, pursuant to an election conducted by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1(1) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to provide by ordinance for the jurisdiction of the Tribe over Indian Child Welfare matters; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for assertion of jurisdiction over Indian Child Welfare matters and the Tribe desires to exercise its rights to self-government by asserting its jurisdiction over such matters; and

WHEREAS, the substantive and procedural standards for exercising jurisdiction over Indian Child Welfare matters are established by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' Childrens Code, which was approved and adopted by the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band on May 17, 1994; and

WHEREAS, certain sections of that Code provide for the establishment of an Indian Child Welfare Committee to act on behalf of the Tribe to protect the best interests of children of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, certain sections of that Code provide for the creation of a Childrens' Court, vested with authority over Indian Child Welfare matters and to issue all orders necessary to insure the safety and well-being of children who have been declared to be wards of the Childrens' Court; and

WHEREAS, as an interim measure and in order to meet the immediate need for intervention of the Tribe on behalf of children and families of the Tribe until such time that the Tribe adopts a comprehensive Family Services program and Tribal Court system, it

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is necessary and appropriate to follow the substantive and procedural standards set forth in the Grand Traverse Band's Childrens Code, including the procedures adopted by the Grand Traverse Band's Childrens' Court;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians incorporates by reference and adopts as a tribal ordinance the above-referenced Grand Traverse Band Childrens' Code as well as any rules of procedure established by the Grand Traverse Band Childrens' Court, with the following provisos: that Tribal Childrens' Court, including the appointment of Tribal Judges and court personnel, shall be made pursuant to the agreements referenced below; that the appointments to the Little River Band's Indian Child Welfare Committee shall be made as provided below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is authorized to negotiate and sign any agreements or amendments thereto which may be necessary to implement this Resolution and is further authorized to serve as the Tribes representative for purposes of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is specifically authorized to negotiate and sign any agreement with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council or Judiciary as may be necessary to arrange for the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Court to serve as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Indian Child Welfare Committee is established on an interim basis to act of the Tribe's behalf with respect to Indian Child Welfare matters and that William Memberto, Kimberly Kequom, Jonnie J. Sam II, Kathy Berentsen, and William Brooks be appointed to serve as Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Committee on an interim basis.

Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its regular meeting held on July 1, 1996 by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 0 abstentions.

Date: _____

Margaret Chandler
Acting Secretary