



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. #96-1208-05

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. ss1300k et seq.) (hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa is the political successor to nine of the nineteen, historic bands of Grand River Ottawa people whose permanent villages were located on a number of major rivers, including the Thornapple River, Grand River, White River, Pere Marquette River and the Big and Little Manistee River; and

WHEREAS, the Ottawa bands residing on the Thornapple, Grand, White and Muskegon Rivers have traditionally shared the hunting and trapping territories along the Pere Marquette and Manistee River systems, and had close kinship ties, with the northern Grand River (Little River) Bands at Pere Marquette and Manistee; and

WHEREAS, the Reservation established under the 1836 Treaty of Washington for the Grand River Ottawa, including the Little River Ottawa, was located on the Manistee River to encourage the Bands to re-locate their permanent villages to their northern hunting and trapping territories; and

WHEREAS, the 1855 Treaty of Detroit attempted to remove the Grand River Bands, including many Little River Ottawa, from their permanent villages on the Thornapple, Grand and Muskegon Rivers, to permanent Reservations in Muskegon, Oceana and Mason Counties; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the 1855 Treaty, the Little River Ottawa people selected allotments/homesteads and established settlements on Reservation lands located in Manistee and Mason Counties; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's failure to protect the Grand River (Little River) Ottawa people's title to lands within the Reservations established for the Bands, forced a large number of Little River Ottawa people to return to traditional village sites in Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa Counties, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, many Little River Ottawa people presently reside in traditional Grand River/Little River Ottawa communities in Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa Counties, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Ottawa Tribal members residing in Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa Counties, continue to maintain close kinship, social and political ties with the Little River Ottawa communities on and near the Reservations in Manistee and Mason Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Ottawa Tribal members residing in Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa Counties continue to utilize traditional hunting and trapping territories in the Tribe's present Service Area of Manistee, Mason, Wexford and Lake Counties; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(b) (2) (B) of the Little River Act (25 U.S.C. ss 1300k-4 (b) (2) (B)), provides that for purposes of the delivery of Federal services to enrolled members of the Little River Band of Ottawa, the Counties of Manistee, Mason, Wexford and Lake, shall be deemed to be within or near a reservation, notwithstanding the establishment of a reservation for the tribe after date of enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Tribal Council desires to expand its present Service Area to allow the Tribe to provide critical services, including Contract Health Services, to Tribal members while permitting such Tribal members to continue residing in traditional Little River Ottawa communities.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby formally requests that the Tribe's Service Area, for purposes of Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs programs, be modified and expanded to include Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa Counties, Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the following Offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs: Superintendent of the Michigan Agency, Minneapolis Area Director, and the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs; to the following Offices of Indian Health Service: Bemidji Area Office and Office of the Director, Central Office; and to members of Michigan's Congressional delegation.

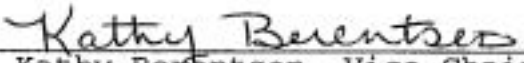
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Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its regular session held on December 8, 1996 by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: December 8, 1996


Robert Guenthardt, Chairman


Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chair