



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. 97-0804-05

Supporting the participation in a collaborative effort among Michigan Tribes to provide healthcare services in the Kent county and surrounding areas.

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, a significant population of Tribal members reside within Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana, and Newaygo counties, as identified by the Tribal rolls; and

WHEREAS, other Michigan Tribes have expressed an interest in working in collaboration in order to provide healthcare services to their populations in that area, specifically Kent county at this time; and

WHEREAS, the limited nature of the funds available for healthcare provision would make a sole venture in that area prohibitive, while the provision of healthcare services remains necessary; and


WHEREAS, a collaborative effort would allow for a higher level of services, decrease the individual investment cost and risk, and may provide a foundation for future cooperative ventures.

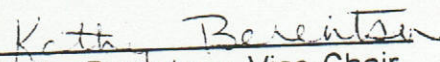
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby supports participation in the pursuit and formation of a collaborative effort among those Michigan Tribes which wish to participate, towards the ends of providing for healthcare services in Kent county and the surrounding area.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held on August 4, 1997 by vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 8/4/97


Charles Fisher, Secretary


Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chair