

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #98-0322-01

Supporting the Submission of an Administration for Native Americans Grant Application for One-Year Financial Assistance (\$50,000) to Assess the Current Status of Our Language and to Develop a Plan for its Preservation and Promotion.

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, Article VII, Section I(j) of the Tribal Constitution is authorized to provide for the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that the preservation of our language and culture is a critical priority for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the current status of the language among Little River Band's tribal members is essentially unknown and other Indian Health Services and Bureau of Indian Affairs funding available to the Tribe is insufficient to meet the language preservation needs of the Little River Band Tribal members; and

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WHEREAS, Tribal Elders and other community representatives, including the Cultural Preservation and Education committees recommend and have been involved in the planning and development of the proposed project,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to secure additional funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans to help preserve and promote our language (and culture);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes the submission of an application for funding (on or before March 27th) to the Administration for Native Americans to assess the current status of our language within the Tribe and develop a plan to preserve and promote our native language.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

This resolution was a River Band of Ottawa India 1998, by a vote of in abstentions. A quorum of	ans at its Special Se	d lapsent, and ()
vote.	Å	0
Date: 3-22-98	Charles Fisher, Co	uncil Secretary

Attest:

Robert Guenthardt, Chairperson