



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #99-0613- 04

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence,
the Tribal Council Speaker, to Execute an Agreement
Providing for Acceptance of Placement/Commitment Orders
from the Tribal Courts in Cases Involving Tribal Children**

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. §1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is entitled to the protections and benefits accorded federally recognized Indian tribes under federal law, including those under the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §1901 et seq.)("ICWA"); 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 Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (f) and (i) of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians ("Tribal Constitution"), is authorized to provide by ordinance for the jurisdiction of the Tribe over Indian Child Welfare matters; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council as adopted Ordinance No. 98-900-01, which provides for the welfare, care and protection of Indian children and families within the jurisdiction of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, including matters under ICWA; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Family Independence Agency ("FIA") has been designated to cooperate with the Federal government and other agencies in plans established in cooperation with the Federal government for the purpose of preserving and strengthening families and providing for the welfare of children, and is authorized to contract with units of government under the provisions of MCLA 400.10; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribe and FIA have lawful authority to enter agreements pursuant to Section 109(a) of the ICWA; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has exclusive jurisdiction over any child custody proceeding involving an Indian child who resides or is domiciled within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's Reservation and over any Indian child who is a ward of the Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and FIA desire to cooperate in the provision of child welfare services to assure access by the Tribal Courts and its Family Services Department to payment resources necessary to effectuate Tribal Court placement and commitment orders and to protect Indian children within the Tribe's jurisdiction.

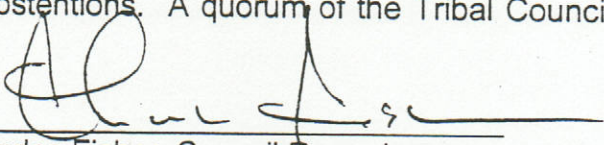
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute the Agreement between the Family Independence Agency and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in the form proposed by the FIA, which Agreement advances the goals described above.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests and authorizes the Family Services Department and Tribal Court to obtain such technical assistance from the FIA as will permit the Tribe to better understand the resources available through the FIA and procedures for accessing the same.

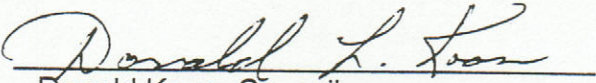
Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at an Emergency/Regular Session held for this purpose at the VFW Hall in Coopersville, Michigan on June 13, 1999 by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 6/13/99

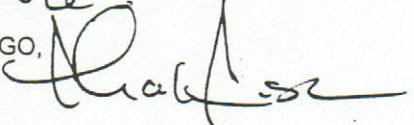

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:


Donald Koon, Councilor

There was one vacancy on the CRB Tribal Council at the time of this vote.

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