



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
TRIBAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO.#99-0817-01

**APPROVING THE PLAN TO RETAIN COPS-FUNDED OFFICERS
TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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 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, pursuant to Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Territory of the Tribe is defined as those lands now and hereinafter owned by or reserved for the Tribe, including the Manistee Reservation in Manistee County (MI), Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County (MI); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution, the Jurisdiction of the Tribe over its members shall be exercised to the fullest extent consistent with the sovereign powers of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, has the power to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council had determined that it is in the best interest of the Little River Band to keep and maintain a fully functioning Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received approval of a COPS grant for the purpose of obtaining funds necessary to hire additional law enforcement officers for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has requested a modification to its COPS grant to hire up to five (5) additional officers in order to address recent increased law enforcement responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice COPS Office requires the Tribe to submit a Retention Plan describing the Tribe's plan and/or commitment to retain the law enforcement officers hired under the COPS program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby endorses and reaffirms the request for modification of its COPS Grant to increase the level of funding to permit the Tribe to hire up to five (5) additional officers, for a total of seven (7) officers.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby affirms its commitment to fund adequate law enforcement services for the Tribe's Reservation and to retain the officers hired under the COPS program following the expiration of the COPS Grant in accordance with the Retention Plan attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

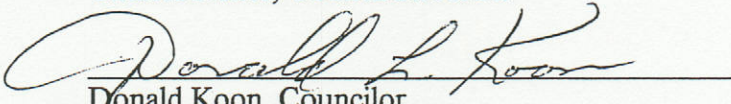
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Session held at the Little River Community Center in Manistee, Michigan on August 17, 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: 8/17/99


Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:


Donald Koon, Councilor



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Plan to Retain COPS-funded Officers
Authorized by Resolution No. #99-0817-01

Section 1. HIRING/PLACEMENT

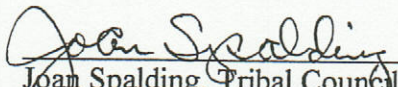
Officers hired under the tribal resources grant program for this department are permanent employees. At the end of the funding these officers will be the rank and file of the department. Additional officers may be requested as the need for public safety grows.

Section 2. FUNDING/PURPOSE

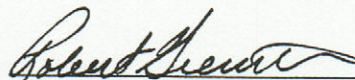
Funds from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians enterprises will be committed, to the extent required, to retain officers initially hired under the COPS funds. The Tribe will also pursue additional funds, or reallocate BIA Tribal Priority allocation funds to retain these officers. These officers will be assigned to routine police activities, with an emphasis on community policing throughout the tribal community (i.e., tribal housing, tribal buildings, and tribal lands) associated with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Section 3. STATEMENT OF NEED

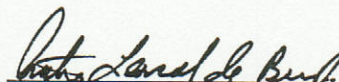
With over 116,000 acres of land within the Tribe's Reservation, a 24 hour/7 day per week gaming facility operation, and potential housing development in the immediate future, the need to maintain an experienced and active police force is essential to public safety for tribal members and non-tribal members alike. The Tribal Council recognizes the need and financial responsibility associated with public safety programs, and is committed to the community oriented police service that the initial grant would provide.


Joan Spalding, Tribal Council Speaker/
Acting Ogema

8/17/99
Date


Robert Guenthardt, Tribal Manager

8/18/99
Date


Art DeBres, Captain, Tribal Police

8/18/99
Date