



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. #99-0907-01

**IN SUPPORT OF REMOVING THE NAME "REDSKINS" AND THE  
MASCOT THAT IS USED BY BELDING AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the governing body of the Tribe, pursuant to the Tribe's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is empowered to promote, protect, and provide for the general welfare of the Little River Band and its members according to Article IV, Section 7 of the Tribe's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that the image and self esteem of Native Americans, especially Native Children, is negatively influenced and suffers damage due to public portrayal of derogatory figureheads, effigies, and mascots loosely based on the Native American People; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the effort by Native Americans residing in the Grand Rapids and West Michigan in their effort to remove all such negative influence from public and private schools attended by Native American students.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Speaker to forward a letter of support on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, requesting that the name "Redskins" along with any mascot bearing any image or likeness intended to represent any Native American, whether factual or imagined, be banned and removed from the Belding Area Public Schools.

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

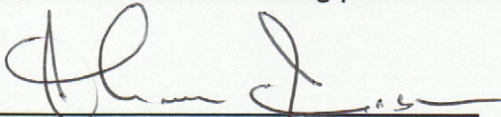
By: Joan Spalding  
Joan Spalding, Council Speaker



### CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians its Regular Session held on September 7, 1999 at the Little River Community Center, by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 absent, and 6 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Date: 9/7/99

  
Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

  
Donald Koon, Councilor