



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

(231) 723-8288

Resolution #16-0120-010

Approving the Submission of a Letter of Interest to the Kellogg Foundation for funding consideration (in an approximate amount of \$600,000.00) for the renovation (construction) costs associated with the creation of a tribally owned Child and Family Development Center

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aniřhinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; 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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, there is a long-standing and well-recognized need for childcare, early childhood education and other family related advocacy and supportive services among tribal children and families in the Manistee area; and

WHEREAS, there is also a long-standing and well-recognized need for childcare, early childhood education and other family related advocacy and supportive services among non-tribal children and families in the Manistee area; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) has the development of such childcare and related family services center on its current Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe owns a building free and clear that is also known as the “Interim Casino”, a building that is located on tribal trust land and that would be suitable, with renovation, to house a carefully selected array services designed to serve the needs of children and families in the area; and

WHEREAS, for approximately two years, Tribal Representatives from the Family Services Department, with the assistance of a Consultant, have been actively engaged in developing a comprehensive, place-based solution to the identified child and family needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the process of planning, community input (tribal and non-tribal) has been widely solicited, and, as a result, the proposed initiative also has very strong support from a large number and variety of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, all of the preliminary planning efforts are now sufficiently well-developed to take the next step forward and begin seeking the needed financial assistance to make this effort a reality; and renovate a tribally owned building situated on land held in trust by the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, the Kellogg Foundation (Battle Creek) has been identified as a possible (and primary) source of funding that would enable professionally designed building renovations to commence; and

WHEREAS, the Kellogg Foundation requires that an online Letter of Interest be submitted that describes the project and costs: if the foundation likes what they see, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be invited to develop a full proposal; and

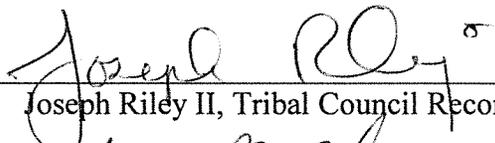
WHEREAS, it is further anticipated that other, similar requests, to other Michigan foundations will also be made to provide additional funding for the proposed Tribal Child and Family Development Center which, if successful, will reduce the related financial obligations of the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves of the submittal of a Letter of Interest to the Kellogg Foundation to support approximately \$600,000.00 (about 50%) of the anticipated renovation costs.

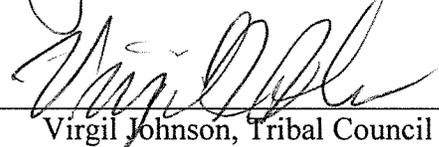
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, by this resolution, authorizes the Tribal Ogema to submit the required Letter of Interest as well as the full application in the event that we are invited to do so. The Little River Band of Indians Tribal Government is also of the understanding that additional funding, including foundation funding, will be sought to reduce the financial liability of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 20, 2016 at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records
Tribal Ogema
Accounting Department
Tribal Court
Grants Department
Family Services, Jason Cross