

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #15-0225-053

Authorizing the Donation of \$1,500 for the Fruitport Community Schools

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires that Indian Tribes that operate gaming operations commit gaming dollars to charitable donations, and the Little River Band's Per Capita Plan has adopted an allocation of gaming dollars to be used as donated funds; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is responsible for determining the recipients of donations for one half of the donated fund reserves, and the Tribal Ogema is responsible for selecting the remainder of recipients, based on the Tribe's approved budget for FY 2015; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that donations to organizations which contribute to the well-being of Tribal Members and the local community are appropriate for the purposes established by the Revenue Allocation Plan and the restrictions imposed by IGRA; and

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WHEREAS, a donation request has been received from the Fruitport Community Schools; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Leadership of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recognize the importance of the youth and the positive impact it has on communities;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the donation of \$1,500 to be paid from the Donations Fund – Fund 8600 - Donation to be utilized by the Fruitport Community Schools.

Tribal Council – 8600-100-5304 \$750 Tribal Ogema - 8600-101-5304 \$750

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council's Recorder prepare a cover letter which is to accompany the donation to express the Tribe's commitment to supporting valuable community resources.

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 February 25, 2015, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Gary Di Piazza, Interim Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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