



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

ORIGINAL

Resolution # 01-04-04-08

Resolution Condemning the Use of Indian Mascots, Logos and Nicknames

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.); 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 condemns the use of Indian mascots, logos, and nicknames in any form for any purpose as being disrespectful and racist in implication and destructive of self esteem of Indian people and their children; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that continued use of Indian mascots, logos, and nicknames by professional sports teams, universities and colleges, promotes and maintains stereotypes of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the use of Indian mascots, logos and nicknames by public schools within the State of Michigan and throughout the United States is a form of denigration of the self esteem, self confidence and emotional well being of students, both Indian or otherwise, by promoting stereotypes and suggesting the less than human nature of Indians;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby file and formalize its opinion and condemnation of the use of Indian mascots, logos and nicknames by public schools in the State of Michigan and throughout the United States and urges members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to file protests, including this resolution, in all public schools requesting the school to change the Indian mascot, logo and nicknames; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby condemns the use of Indian mascots, logos and nicknames by professional sports teams as denigrating the Indian community, culture and individuals.

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, 1 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on APRIL 4, 2000, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Lisa M. McCatty
Lisa M. McCatty, Council Recorder

Attest: Joan Spalding
Joan Spalding, Council Speaker