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February 9, 1996

Mr. Ron Yob, Chairperson
Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, Inc.
307 Michigan N.E.
P.O. Box 2937
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2937

Dear Mr. Yob:

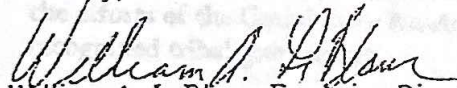
Your application for state recognition, dated January 8, 1996, was reviewed by the Commission on Indian Affairs at its official meeting on February 2, 1996.

In view of the fact that your application was complete with all the needed documentation, the Commission by motion accepted your application and approved your request for state recognition.

It is therefore my pleasurable duty to inform you that your band has been recognized.

It is our sincere hope that state recognition will provide the necessary impetus to your future goals.

Sincerely,


William A. LeBlanc, Executive Director
Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs

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cc: Commission Members

IN RECOGNITION OF
THE GRAND RIVER BANDS OF OTTAWA INDIANS

WHEREAS, the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians preexists the formation of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Grand River Bands has been identified as American Indian from historical times until the present; and

WHEREAS, the Grand River Bands inhabit specific areas in Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, Mason, Allegan, Barry, Clinton, Eaton, Ionia, Newaygo, Ingham and Occana Counties of Michigan's lower peninsula and its members are descendants of a tribe that inhabited that same area; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Grand River Bands is composed of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs is vested with the authority to recognize Indian tribes on behalf of the State of Michigan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Michigan recognizes the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians as a historic Indian tribe that continues to exist as a tribal entity.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Michigan fully supports the efforts of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians to reaffirm their status as a federally recognized tribal government.

This resolution was considered and passed unanimously at a meeting of the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs in Petoskey, Michigan on February 2, 1996.

Commission Chairperson

Commission Secretary

TRIBAL CERTIFIERS FOR MICHIGAN TRIBES

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Federal Tribes (11)

1. Bay Mills Indian Community
Tribal Chairman, Jeff Parker
Enrollment Officer, Diane Carrick
Rural Route #1, Box 315A
Brimley, MI 49715 (906) 248-3241

2. Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Tribal Chairman, Joseph Raphael
Enrollment Officer, Gail Manzano
2605 N.W. Bayshore Drive
Suttons Bay, MI 49682 (616) 271-3538

3. Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community
Tribal Chairman, Ken Meshigaud
Enrollment Officer, Harry Williams
N-14911 Hannahville, B-1 Road
Wilson, MI 49896-9717 (906) 466-2934

4. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Chairman, Fred Dakota
Enrollment Committee
Fred Dakota
Wayne Schwartz
Route #1, Box 45
Baraga, MI 49908 (906) 353-6623
FAX (906) 353-7540

5. Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Tribal Chairman, John McGesheck, Sr.
Tribal Enrollment Clerk, Helen Smith
P.O. Box 249 Choate Rd.
Watersmeet, MI 49969 (906) 358-4577

6. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Tribal Chairman, Gail George
Enrollment Specialist Lorna Kahgegah
7070 E. Broadway (517) 772-5700 ext. 342
Mt. Pleasant, 48858 or (800) 225-8172

7. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Tribal Chairman, Bernard Bouschor
Enrollment Secretary, Julie Congeski
..... (906) 632-5220
Tribal Registrar, Linda Smith
523 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-6050

8. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Chairperson, Daniel Bailey
Enrollment Officer, Diane Lonn
409 Water Street
Manistee, MI 49660 (616) 723-8288

9. Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawagheshek
Enrollment Committee Chairperson, Shirley Oldman
Enrollment Officer, Julie Skippergosh
1345 US 31 North
Petoskey, MI 49770 (616) 348-3410

10. Potawatomi Indian Nation
Tribal Chairman,
Enrollment Committee
714 Front Street
Dowagiac, MI 49047 (616) 782-8998

11. Huron Potawatomi, Inc.
Tribal Chairperson, Shirley A. English
Enrollment Officer, Shirley Chamberlain
2221 1-1/2 Mile Road
Fulton, MI 49052 (616) 729-5151
Fax (616) 729-5920

State Historic Tribes (4)

1. Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
Tribal Chairman, Carl Frazier
Enrollment Officer, Loretta Parkey
6461 E. Brutus Road
P.O. Box 206
Brutus, MI 49716 (616) 529-6113

2. Gun Lake Band of Grand River Ottawa Indians
Tribal Chairman, D.K. Sprague
Certification Officer, Roger Sprague
5721 Grand River Drive
Grand Ledge, MI 48837 (517) 627-3645

3. Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes of Michigan
Tribal Chairman,
Certification Officer,
1220 Court Street
Saginaw, MI 48602 (616) 799-0006
FAX (517) 799-1066

4. Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Chairman, Ron Yob
Certification Officer,
307 Michigan NE
P.O. Box 2937
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2937 (616) 458-8759

All other Michigan tribes and bands: Contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Sault Ste. Marie to obtain tribal certification or the correct tribal address. They will also assist in tracing ancestry, adoptive birth records and identifying tribes. Family name and vital records (birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, etc.) must be provided as sources of proof.

Bureau of Indian Affairs—Michigan Agency
2901.5 I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 632-6809