Resolution # 09-0409-90

Authorizing Sole Source Agreement Between
Manistee Abstract & Title and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi 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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(?) to approve contracts negotiated by the Ogema on behalf of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema, through the Department of Commerce, has negotiated a contract for professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce has identified a professional services provider that has standing as a BIA certified title office, which will enable the land records of the Tribe to be recorded and organized within the Department in the fashion most readily acceptable for future transactional recording through BIA and other agencies as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce is responsible for the recording and maintenance of all Land Record for Little River Band; and
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council agrees that engaging an experienced professional corporation is in the best interest of Little River Band as the Tribe pursues fee to trust land transfers in Michigan, among other goals.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Ogema to execute the Agreement between the Manistee Abstract & Title, Co., and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT there is no waiver of Sovereign Immunity required by this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council concurs with the designation made by the Tribal Ogema of Robert J. Memberto, Director of Commerce, as the assigned representative from Little River Band, to manage the project scope of services and delivery of the receivables under this agreement.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 3 ABSENT, at an Emergency Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 9, 2009, at the Little River Band's Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Kimberly Alexander, Council Recorder

Attest:

Don Koon, Council Speaker

Distribution: Tribal Council
Tribal Ogema
Purchasing Department