Resolution # 09-1216-356

Approval of Forestry Management Plan for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Anišíhinaábe (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 Natural Resource Department has recommended that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians adopt a Forestry Management Plan that mirrors the United States Forest Services Land and Resource Management Plan for forested properties within the Reservation Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to set standards and indicators for measurement of the health of the Forestry with the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that adoption of a Forestry Management Plan is in the best interest of the Tribe and its Citizens.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians does hereby approve adoption of exhibit I attached to this Resolution, titled Huron-Manistee National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan, as the approved Forestry Management Plan of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

IT IS FURTHER RESOVED THAT the adoption of this plan is contingent on the following Revisions:

All contact information is to be revised to reflect Little River Band Natural Resources Staff, as official contacts of the Tribe.

The Responsible Agency is to be Identified as the Natural Resources Commission, and Natural Resources Department of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, jointly.

The Responsible Official is to be designated as the Ogema, until such time as there is a designation of responsible official amended by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council.

Descriptions of the lands within the plan that are governed by the Plan are to be re-written to reflect the boundaries of the Reservation, and specific plots of lands owned by the Tribe where appropriate.

IT IS FINALLY RESOVED THAT the Tribal Council requests that a revised Forestry Management Plan including any amendments in addition to those identified by this Resolution be submitted for consideration and adoption no later than March 31, 2010.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with _6_ FOR, _1_ AGAINST, _0_ ABSTAINING, _1_ ABSENT, and _1_ VACANT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 16, 2009, at the Little River Band’s Conference Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

[Signature]
Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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