



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 09-0107-04

#### *Setting Commission Stipends and Maximum Number of Monthly Stipends Allowed*

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (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 create regulatory commissions, and has adopted the Commissions Ordinance to govern the development and operations of commissions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted emergency amendments to the Commissions Ordinance on January 7, 2009, which provide that Tribal Council shall set the amount and maximum number of stipends to be paid per month to Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved and adopted the FY2009 operating budget on December 17, 2008; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council budget has been revised to provide that the amount of stipends to be paid is \$35.00 and stipends are limited to one per month per Commissioner; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that the Gaming Commission has regulatory duties which derive from Federal law and the Binojeeuk Commission has duties under the Indian Children's Welfare Act, which will require more than one meeting per month.


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with Section 9.02 of the Commissions Ordinance, monthly stipends are set at \$35.00 and stipends are limited to one per month per Commissioner except that two monthly stipends are allowed per Commissioner sitting on the Gaming Commission and the Binojeeuk Commission.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit a Commission from making a written request to Tribal Council for approval, by Resolution, that additional meetings may be held, providing that any proposed Resolution shall clearly identify the circumstances that require additional meeting(s).

### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 7, 2009, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Loretta Beccaria, Council Recorder

  
Don Koon, Council Speaker

Attest:

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