Resolution # 09-0304 -51

Authorizing Enrollment Commission to Meet Two Times Per Month

WHEREAS, the status of the Gad Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anishinaábek (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) of the Constitution 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 empowered by Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to establish laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is empowered by Article IV, Section 7(f) of the Constitution of the Tribe to create subordinate regulatory commissions or subordinate organizations and to delegate to such organizations the power to manage the affairs and enterprises of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Commissions Ordinance, Ordinance Number 04-100-06, by Tribal Council Resolution on September 14, 2005; and
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted emergency amendments to the Commissions Ordinance on January 7, 2009, by Resolution Number 09-0107-03; and

WHEREAS, the amendments adopted on January 7, 2009 allow Tribal Council to authorize additional Commission meetings by Resolution after being fully apprised of the circumstances which require additional meetings; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council met with the Enrollment Commission Chairperson in a work session in which the Chairperson explained that one meeting is not enough for the Enrollment Commission due to the number of files it processes and hearings it is required to convene; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Commission has requested that Tribal Council authorize it to meet on two occasions per month.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Enrollment Commission to convene and receive stipends for no more than two meetings per month.

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, 1 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Special Open Session Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 4, 2009 at the Little River Band’s Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Loretta Beccaria, Council Recorder

Attest:

Don Koon, Council Speaker

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