Resolution # 09-0325-80

Resolution in support of the Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC) and Native American Fish & Wildlife Service (NAFWS) pursuit of funding for the development of a university-level textbook on Tribal Natural Resource Management

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaά Čhing Ziibi Dadwaa Aniškinađéhk (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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a member of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, and as such, support its mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, The LRBOI is responsible for the health and wellbeing of its Tribal members as well as the land and natural resources upon which we depend; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory education system of this country fails to provide an adequate traditional Native and Indian perspective in the educational curriculum in the elementary, high school and university levels that provides a positive image of Native Americans and recognition of our contributions to the Earth, Natural Resources and Environment; and
WHEREAS, The CRRC and NAFWS have joined together to cooperatively work on the development of a university-level textbook, including reference materials utilizing state-of-the-art technology to accurately present the Indigenous knowledge for Tribal Natural Resource Management; and

WHEREAS, The LRBOI has been informed of this project through Society national and regional conferences, personal contact with project representatives, meetings and other public notification.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution supports this joint initiative of the CRRC and NAFWS for the development of this textbook; reference material, and technological presentation system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians also supports the joint efforts of CRRC and NAFWS to seek funding for this project and agrees to provide information (at the Tribe’s discretion) to be incorporated into the project through its natural resource, education, cultural programs and personnel to ensure that historical and culturally relevant information for the Tribe is incorporated into the project.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with _7 FOR, _1 AGAINST, _0 ABSTAINING, and _1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 25, 2009, at the Little River Band’s Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Kimberly Alexander, Council Recorder

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