Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #14-0409-102

Authorizing an Encumbrance in the Amount of $20,000.00 from the Books and Reference Materials Line Item in the Legislative Legal Department’s Budget/or Fiscal Year 2014 for Legal Books & Research Materials Subscription Service and Online Information Services Provided by WestLaw

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaa Ching Ziibi Daawaa Anishinaabek (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) and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit (11 Stat 621) 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)(2) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council is authorized under Article N, Section 7(b) to authorize agreements on behalf of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has entered into an agreement with WestLaw to provide legal books and reference materials subscriptions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Legal Department maintains a law library in order to have necessary legal resources available for the use of all Tribal Attorneys and Tribal departments; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has entered into an agreement with WestLaw to provide online accessibility to legal research information; and
WHEREAS, The Legislative Legal Department has requested authorization to obligate $20,000 in funds from the Books & Reference Materials line item in the Legislative Legal Department's Budget for FY 2014 to pay for the maintenance of a Tribal Law Library as well as utilize online information services.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the encumbrance of $20,000 from the Books & Reference Materials line item in the Legislative Legal Department's budget for fiscal year 2014 to pay for legal research books and reference materials subscription charges incurred in FY 2014 and provided by WestLaw

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on April 9, 2014, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Council Speaker

Attest:

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