

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #14-0326-090

Approval of contract with Delta Dental Plan of Michigan Inc., Dental Coverage for Tribal Government Employees, Elected Officials, and Trading Post Employees

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi 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 original contract was dated March 1, 2011 and the renewal is for rates for the period of March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema formed the Insurance Benefit Workgroup to review current levels of insurance coverage, cost, and make recommendations to the Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema related to the annual insurance renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Benefit Workgroup has reviewed the plan for the period March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Insurance Benefit Workgroup has not recommended any plan changes and has only presented the (reduced) yearly renewal costs to the Ogema for consideration; and

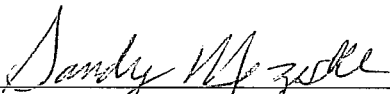
WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema reviewed, approved, and recommends for authorization to execute the addendums (contract signed by Delta on March 6, 2014) for renewing the benefit plan for the period March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the Delta Dental plans for the Tribal Government and its entities and authorizes the Tribal Ogema to sign and execute the contract for the period March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

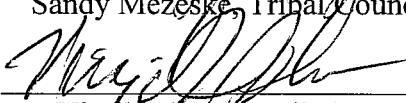
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT nothing in the contract, nor in this resolution ratifying the contract, shall be considered an express or implied waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 26, 2014 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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