



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #00-0108-05

Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker to Submit the Trust Acquisition Request for the "Manistee Forge Property"

WHEREAS, the Tribe's status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe was reaffirmed and restored by Congress pursuant to Public Law 103-324, 108 Stat. 2156 (25 U.S.C. §1300k et seq.)(hereinafter "Little River Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and Tribal membership has determined that restoration of the Tribe's historic reservation land base and other lands within the Tribe's historic territory is a critical priority;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized the Tribe's historic claim to Reservation lands in Manistee and Mason Counties in Michigan, as well as the Tribe's traditional ties to other Counties in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted a Reservation Restoration Plan to guide land acquisition efforts by the Tribe and the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan establishes as a priority the acquisition of lands for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has acquired a parcel of land, known as the "Manistee Forge Property" for the purpose of establishing a Tribal manufacturing enterprise and to support other economic development activities; 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 Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Constitution, has the power to acquire lands which are deemed beneficial to the Tribe; and

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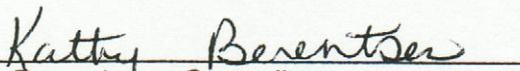
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSENT, and 0 ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on January 8, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:



Kathy Berentsen, Councilor