



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #00-0114-03

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the
Tribal Council Speaker to Execute Documents Necessary to
Complete the Acquisition of the "National City Bank" Property
and Appropriating Up to \$25,000.00 of Net Gaming Revenues for
Payment of a Deposit Toward That Acquisition**

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 Tribal Government has a critical need for additional office space for new and expanded program staff; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Administration has identified the "National City Bank" building in Manistee as a suitable location for office space; and

WHEREAS, the "National City Bank" has expressed an interest in negotiating terms for the acquisition of that property, which are favorable to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that the "National City Bank" building will meet the immediate and short term needs of the Tribe for office space and that the property will prove to be a sound investment; and

WHEREAS, the negotiation and execution of a Purchase Agreement for the "National City Bank" building may require an earnest money deposit of up to \$25,000.00, which amount would be refunded if the Tribe elects not to proceed with the acquisition; 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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in his/her absence, the Council Speaker is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Tribe, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, Joan Spalding, to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement for the acquisition of the "Manistee National Bank" building, and to execute all other documents necessary to complete the purchase of the Properties at a date and time mutually agreeable to the Tribe and Mr. Dontz.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council approves the appropriation of up to \$25,000.00 of net gaming revenues for the purpose of providing any earnest money deposit required for the acquisition of that property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Speaker, or in her absence, the Council Recorder to request the transfer of up to \$25,000.00 from Account No. 01182019510 to the Tribe's general fund for the above purpose.