

## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #00-0812-03

Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker to Submit the Trust Acquisition Request for the "Consumer Power Settlement" Lands

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 have 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 Tribe's Reservation Restoration Plan has identified acquisition of lands within the Manistee Reservation as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe had previously identified the "Consumer Power Settlement" lands in Manistee as properties which has historical significance to the Tribe, and which would meet a wide range of community and programmatic needs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that the "Consumer Power Settlement" lands afford the Tribe with a unique opportunity to restore historically significant lands within the Manistee Reservation to Tribal ownership and meet long term needs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has acquired a number of parcels of land, known as the "Consumers Power Settlement" lands that have been used for the following purposes: hunting, fishing and gathering, timber harvesting, and which may be used for other Tribal community purposes to be determined; 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

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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 Triba in its relations with other organizations, 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 requests that the United States of America, through the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized designee, take title to the following described parcels of land in trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians pursuant to the Little River Act, 25 U.S.C. 1300k-4(b), described more particularly on Schedule A, which attached and incorporated by reference into this Resolution. Said parcels contain 1,377 acres more or less.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests that the United States of America declare such lands to be a part of the Tribe's Reservation pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1300k-4(d).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, to convey the above described properties to the United States of America in Trust for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and to execute any documents necessary to complete that conveyance.

## CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with \_7\_ FOR, \_O\_ AGAINST, \_2\_ ABSENT, and \_O\_ ABSTAINING, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Tribal Council held at the Little River Band Community Center on August 12, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

Joan Spalding, Council Speaker