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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #00-0812-04

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker
to Submit the Trust Acquisition Request for the
"Pere Marquette River Acres" 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 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 Mason County Reservation as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has identified the "Pere Marquette River Acres" property in Custer Township as parcel of land which has historical and cultural 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 "Pere Marquette River Acres" property affords the Tribe with a unique opportunity to restore historically significant lands within the 1855 Reservation to Tribal ownership and meet long term needs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has acquired a parcel of land, known as the "Pere Marquette River Acres" property, which may be used for the following purposes: hunting, fishing and gathering, community gatherings, youth camps, housing and/or 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

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, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council.

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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 as follows:

A parcel of property bounded in part by First Street on the North, Darr Road on the West, and the Pere Marquette River on the South, in Sections 20 and 21, being more particularly described as: all that part of Section 20 lying North of the Pere Marquette River; all that part of the West half of Section 21 lying North of the Pere Marquette River; the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 and the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21 lying North of the Pere Marquette River, being in the Township of Custer, all in Township 18 North, Range 16 West, Mason County, Michigan.

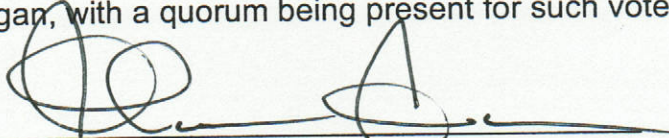
Said parcel contains 612 acres more or less.

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 property 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.

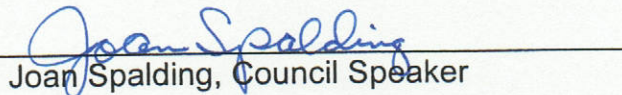
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSENT, and 0 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