



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution No. #00-1220- 08

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker
to Execute a Letter Agreement with Thing Professional Association
for Accounting Analyses Associated with
the Permanent Casino Resort Project**

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 Tribe is entitled to the protections and benefits accorded federally-recognized Indian tribes under federal law, including those under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.)(hereinafter "IGRA"), which permits Indian tribes to operate Class II and III gaming activities on lands held in trust for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has determined that the development of the permanent casino/resort facilities is in the best, long-term interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously authorized the engagement of Thing Professional Association for accounting services to perform financial feasibility analyses of the permanent Casino/Resort project; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema has previously executed an Engagement Letter, dated September 18, 2000, which authorizes Thing Professional Association to proceed with such financial analyses; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's attorneys have recommended that Thing Professional Association be authorized to perform additional work in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a 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, 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 Tribal 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; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (b) of the Constitution, has the power to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that ratification and extension of the authorization letter with Thing Professional Association will advance important Tribal purposes and tribal business enterprises.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby ratifies and authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in his absence, the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute an addendum to the September 18, 2000 Authorization Letter with Thing Professional Association in the form recommended by the Tribe's attorneys.

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 at the Little River Band Community Center on December 20, 2000, in Manistee, Michigan. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.


Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Attest:

Joan Spalding, Council Speaker
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