



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

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Resolution # 01-05-116-02

Adoption of Policy Statement Opposing Proposed Bottom Land Leasing and Directional Drilling

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.); 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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a)(2) to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission has been charged with the responsibilities to ensure the protection of the environment and resources within the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' ancestral lands and waters, *cf. Natural Resource Commission Ordinance, # 96-500-01, Art. IV, sec. A*; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission has forwarded to the Tribal Council its concerns regarding the proposed bottom land leasing and direction drilling activities being considered for approval by the State of Michigan, its agencies and representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the valid concerns raised by the Natural Resource Commission regarding the dangers presented to the land and water resources as well as to the animal and plant life dependent on these resources for their survival; and

WHEREAS, the Ottawas have, and continue to have, great concern and respect for the world in which it is present as well as a responsibility to protect and maintain that world; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby supports the position statement of the Natural Resource Commission regarding opposition to bottom land leasing and directional drilling; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby states that the Little River Band of Ottawa opposes proposals for, and consideration of, bottom land leasing and directional drilling and urges the State of Michigan, its agencies and representatives to consider the potential negative and long term impact of a single accident occurring as a result of approval of either of these proposals on the environment that the State of Michigan and the Ottawas have a responsibility to protect and preserve.

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 MAY 16, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Lisa M. McCarty
Council Recorder

Joan Spalding
Attest: Council Speaker