

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-07-11-01

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS RESERVATION
BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a long and proud history as a Nation which pre-dates the establishment of the government of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is the political successor to nine Bands of Grand River Ottawa whose Ogemuk or Chiefs were signatories to the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 and the Treaty of Detroit of July 31, 1855 with the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, together with other Grand River Bands, reserved a portion of land, known as the Manistee Reservation, pursuant to Article Second of 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), which reservation was intended to provide a permanent home for our people, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians reserved a portion of land, now known as Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County, Michigan, pursuant to Article I, paragraph Sixth of the 1855 Treaty of Detroit (11 Stat. 621), and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, together with other Michigan Ottawa/Chippewa Bands, were wrongfully denied their status and rights as federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, including the Band's treaty-reserved homelands described above, and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians status as a federally-recognized Tribe was reaffirmed and restored by the United States Congress in Public Law 103-324, and

WHEREAS, in reaffirming and restoring the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as federally-recognized Indian tribe, the United States Congress found that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians consists of at least 500 eligible members who continue to reside close to their ancestral homeland as recognized in the Manistee Reservation in the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the reservation in the 1855 Treaty of Detroit, and

WHEREAS, the legislative history to Public Law 103-324 includes numerous references to the fact that United States Congress, in reaffirming and restoring the political status of the Tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, also recognized the boundaries of the Tribe's Reservations, to wit:

"Accordingly, by the end of the nineteenth century, all that remained of the reservations within the exterior boundaries described in the treaties, were scattered parcels of restricted-fee allotments which had been patented under the terms of the 1855 treaty Federal officials espoused a theory that when title to reservation lands passed from Indian hands the Odawa/Ottawa lost jurisdiction on their reservations and the United States was released from the treaty-mandated trust relationship with the Bands". Senate Report 103-260 at page 2.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of the Little River Act, the United States Congress specifically reaffirmed all rights and privileges of the Bands ... which may have been abrogated or diminished before September 21, 1994, and

WHEREAS, the various agencies of the United States Government, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Environmental Protection Agency, continue to recognize these reservation boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Article I of the Constitution of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, which was approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior, defines the territory of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as including the Manistee Reservation in Manistee County (Michigan), Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County (Michigan) and all lands which are now or at a later date owned by the Tribe or held in trust for the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau has not updated its files to include utilization of these treaty-created boundaries for the Little River Band's Reservation and need to revise their files to reflect the complete Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby affirms that the Reservation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians shall encompass the Manistee Reservation in Manistee County, Michigan, Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County, Michigan and all lands held in trust for the Tribe.

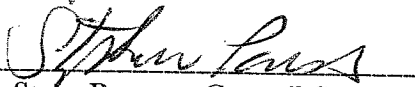
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians requests that the United States Census Bureau amend its designation of the boundaries for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Reservation to coincide with the boundaries prescribed in the 1836 Treaty of Washington, known as the Manistee Reservation, and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit, known as Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County.

CERTIFICATION 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 July 11, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine Sam, Council Recorder



Steve Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest: