



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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Resolution No. #01-1017-06

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the Absence of,  
the Tribal Council Speaker to Execute an Engagement Letter  
with Raymond & Prokop, P.C. for Services in Connection  
with Tax Compact Negotiations with the State of Michigan**

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 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 the absence of, 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 Tribe has determined that the retention of attorneys with expertise regarding Michigan's tax laws and policies will ensure that the Tribe's interests in ongoing negotiations with the State of Michigan with respect to a Tribal-State Tax Compact is in the best, long-term interests of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema will, with the assistance of the Tribe's Legal Department, enter into an engagement letter jointly retaining the law firm of Raymond & Prokop, P.C. to assist the eleven (11) federally recognized Tribes in their negotiations with the State; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that execution of the engagement letter with Thomas J. Kenny, from Raymond & Prokop, P.C., 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 authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker to execute an Engagement Letter with the law firm of Raymond & Prokop, P.C., for services related to the negotiation of a Tribal-State Tax Compact with the State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the obligation of \$20,000.00 from the Legal Department's Contract Services line in support of this engagement.

**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 October 17, 2001, in Manistee, Michigan. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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