

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-10-24- 62

OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE ON SOUTH FOX ISLAND

- 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 was a signatory of 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 status as a federally-recognized Tribe was reaffirmed and restored by the United States Congress in Public Law 103-324, and
- WHEREAS, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a signatory Tribe to the Treaties of 1836 and 1855 has hunting and gathering rights on South Fox Island, and
- WHEREAS, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a responsibility to protect those rights for our membership, and
- WHEREAS, The proposed land exchange between the State of Michigan and Mr. Johnson, a landowner on the island, would transfer from public use to private use, lands that contain sacred cedar trees believed to be at least 400 years old, lands that currently provide nesting for bald eagles, and lands that provide the safest boat landing sites and harbor of refuge, and
- WHEREAS, The Little River Band has determined that this land transfer would not be in the best interest of the membership of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the people of Michigan

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution formally opposes the proposed land exchange between the State of Michigan and Mr. Johnson a private land owner on South Fox Island.

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CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with ______ For, ______ Against, ______ Absent, and ______ 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 24, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Janine Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

Steve Parsons, Council Speaker