



LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS

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Resolution # 01-1205-14

Requesting the President of the United States to Re-Affirm the Government-to-Government Relationship and Commitment to Tribal Consultation

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 delegated responsibility under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to "protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members;" and

WHEREAS, part of that responsibility of Tribal officials on behalf of the Tribe and its members involve interacting with the federal government through its agencies and representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Tribal officials, whether as a government or part of the historical clan systems, have had a responsibility to protect and provide for the members of the Tribe that predate the creation and organization of the United States or even European contact with the Anishnaabek; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a trust responsibility to Tribes that exists because of the government-to-government agreements that exist in treaties signed between sovereigns; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the United States and Tribes to accurately and concisely identify resources and solutions to Tribal issues requires that the both parties be able to rely upon the other to have open lines of direct and available communication on existing and proposed activities; and

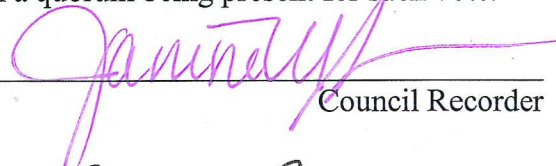
WHEREAS, Tribes have received statements of affirmation, and subsequent re-affirmation, of the government-to-government relationship and the commitment to Tribal consultation from the office of every President since the term of President Richard M. Nixon;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requests President George W. Bush to issue an Executive Order re-affirming the government-to-government relationship and commitment to Tribal consultation.


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CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 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 12/5, 2001, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Council Recorder



Attest: Council Speaker