



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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Resolution No. #02-0515-19

**Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of the Tribal Council Speaker to  
Execute a Consulting Agreement with Quest Management Co.**

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally recognized tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994, with property rights secured to it under the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit (11 Stat. 621); and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is descended from, and is the political successor to, Grand River Ottawa Bands which were signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-324, enacted on September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians reserved certain territorial rights and other attributes of sovereignty under the 1836 Treaty. These treaty based rights were confirmed, in part, by United States v. Michigan, 471 F.Supp 192 (W.D. Mich. 1979); *affirmed*, 653 F.2d 277 (6th Cir. 1981); *certiorari denied*, 454 U.S. 1124, 102 S.Ct. 971 (1981), and reaffirmed by P.L. 103-324 section 5, and are protected by the United States Constitution (Art. 1, §8, cl. 3 and Art. 6, cl. 2); and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and preservation of the Band's treaty rights is a critical priority of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department, in consultation with James M. McClurken & Associates, has proposed a consulting agreement with Quest Management Company to provide strategic planning and management services in connection with the Band's efforts to reaffirm the territorial jurisdiction of the Band, which was reserved in the 1836 Treaty of Washington and 1855 Treaty of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that negotiation and execution of such an agreement is in the best interests of the Tribe.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 a Consulting Contract with Quest Management Company to provide management and consulting services in connection with the Band's efforts to reaffirm its territorial jurisdiction.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 15, 2002, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Date: May 15, 2002

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Attest:

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Distribution: Council Records  
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