



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution # 02-0529-06**

*Adopting Amendments to the Children's Code, # 98-900-01*

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 authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a)(3) to legislative in regard to matters arising under the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Children's Code, # 98-900-01, which created the Binojeeuk Commission and delegated authority to the commission regarding the 'welfare, care and protection of Indian children and families,' sec. 1.02(a); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Commissions Ordinance, # 01-100-06, which set forth clarifying standards and processes in regards to commissions and their activities; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Children's Code does not conform to those standards and should be reviewed; and

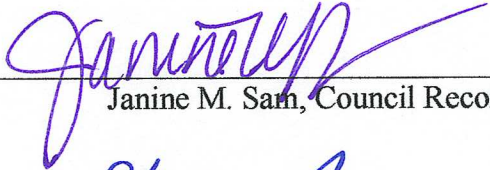
WHEREAS, the Binojeeuk Commission has recommended conforming action as identified in its by-laws;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby adopts the following amendment to section 5.02 of the Children's Code, #98-900-01.

5.02. *Membership.* The Binojeeuk Commission shall consist of ~~not less than three (3) and not more than~~ five (5) adult members of the Tribe *who are age 21 or older*, appointed by the Tribal *Ogema* and ratified by the Tribal Council. The term of office for Commission members shall be two (2) years; provided that the Tribal Council establish terms as may be necessary to implement a system of staggered terms. At least one member of the Binojeeuk Commission shall be a Tribal Council member, who shall serve as chairperson of the Commission.

**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 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 29, 2002, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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