

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution No. #02-0807-06

*Authorizing Submission of Map Identifying Location of the Tribe's
Reservations, Tribally-owned Fee and Trust Lands on or Near Reservation,
and Geographic Distribution of Tribal Membership*

WHEREAS, the Band'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 Band 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, the Band possesses inherent sovereignty, and federal statutory and common law rights of self-governance over the Band, its members, its territory, and all persons (natural and corporate) within its territory; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Band's inherent sovereignty as interpreted by Federal common and statutory law, certain federal and state taxes do not apply to the Band, its members or within the Band's Indian Country;

WHEREAS, all of Michigan's federally-recognized Tribes have, since approximately January 2001, been engaged in negotiations with the State of Michigan concerning an agreement, which will define the extent of legally recognized immunities and exemptions from State taxation in various circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes and State have agreed in principle on a regime which would recognize immunity and/or exemption from Michigan taxes based upon the location of persons, property or transactions on Tribally-owned fee or trust lands, or location within an "Agreement Area" to be negotiated by the Band and State; and

WHEREAS, the State's negotiating team has requested information concerning the location of the Band's Indian Country, Tribally-owned fee and trust lands, and information regarding the geographic distribution of each Band's membership; and

WHEREAS, each of the other Tribes and Bands participating in the negotiations with the State has agreed to provide the State with the land and demographic information requested in order to facilitate negotiation of "Agreement Areas" for each participating Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did, pursuant to Resolution No. #00-0724-07, designate the Tribal Ogema and Band's General Counsel, William Brooks, as the Tribe's representatives to an inter-tribal work group charged with developing a tax agreement to be presented to the State of Michigan; and

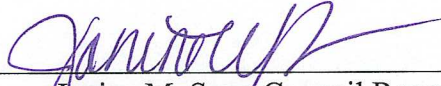
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is willing to provide the information requested by the State to facilitate negotiation of the Band's Agreement Area for the proposed tax compact between the Band and State within the framework of the concepts outlined in the May 20, 2002 correspondence from the Band's General Counsel to State Revenue Commissioner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Band's General Counsel to provide a map of the Band's Reservations and locations of the Band's fee and trust lands to representatives of the Michigan Attorney General's Office. The Band's General Counsel is further authorized to provide the State's negotiation representatives with the breakdown of member populations within the Nine County District as compiled by the Band's Census Project Coordinator.


Certificate of Adoption

This resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at a Closed Meeting portion of its Regular Session held at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan on August 7, 2002, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent, and 0 abstentions. A quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Attest:



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