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## **Resolution # 02-1009-09**

Approval to Enter Into Contract - Joseph Eve & Company: Tribal Audit 2001 and 2002

- 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) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has entered into an engagement contract with an audit firm for a policy and performance audit, or Compliance Audit, to review the processes and procedures of the Tribe to determine whether we are operating in an orderly and efficient manner in accordance with generally accepted principles and organizational structure; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is required to conduct an audit of its operations in compliance with the Single Audit Act, as amended, on an annual basis; and
- WHEREAS, the audit for the year ending December 31, 2001 has not been concluded, and the need to enter into an engagement letter for the year ending December 31, 2002 is approaching quickly; and
- WHEREAS, it is important to conclude the 2001 audit by March of next year, and begin conducting the 2002 audit soon thereafter such that engaging a single firm to conduct both audits is appropriate and will provide a consistent comprehensive report; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that continuing with the same audit firm to complete the Single Audit Act requirements for the fiscal years 2001 and 2002 would result in a more comprehensive audit being completed with cost savings, as well as the audit firm having the requisite qualifications to conduct such an audit;

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Speaker to enter into the engagement letter with Joseph Eve & Company, LLP for the purposes of conducting a the required Tribal Audits for the years ending December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the payment of the \$10,000 retainer to Joseph Eve & Company and delegates to the Tribal Council Recorder the responsibility to monitor and approve expenses related to this contract.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 9, 2002, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Charles Fisher, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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