



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 02-1030-14**

*Authorizing the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker to Execute a Sales Order and Poker License Agreement with Sodak Gaming, Inc. and Agreeing to a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in Such Agreement*

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.); 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 Tribe is entitled to the protections and benefits accorded federally-recognized Indian tribes under federal law, including those under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.)(hereinafter "IGRA"), which permits Indian tribes to operate Class II gaming activities on lands held in trust for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has, since July 1999, conducted Class III gaming operations on its Reservation at an interim gaming facility, known as "Little River Casino Resort"; and

WHEREAS, during its meeting held on October 28, 2002, the Business Board of Little River Casino Resort ("Resort") approved the Sales Order and Poker License Agreement with Sodak Gaming, Inc., which Agreement authorizes Sodak to provide Chase the Royal software and other items, as more fully set forth in the Agreement, to the Resort; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to represent the Tribe in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Tribe, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (b) of the Constitution, has the power to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema; and



WHEREAS, Sodak Gaming, Inc. has requested a limited waiver of sovereign immunity from the Tribe to allow disputes arising under the Agreement to be resolved through binding arbitration, enforceable solely in the Tribal Courts, as provided in Section 11 of that Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Arbitration Code, Ordinance #01-300-02, governing the approval of contracts which include arbitration provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the specific waiver of sovereign immunity requested by Sodak Gaming, Inc. for the specific purpose of enforcement and/or interpretation of that Agreement is in furtherance of important Tribal purposes and tribal business enterprises and that such waiver is authorized by and is consistent with Article XI, Section 1 of the Tribe's Constitution.

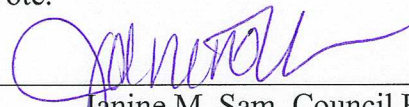
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute the Sodak Poker License Agreement with Sodak Gaming, Inc., and agrees to the limited waiver of sovereign immunity and consents to have disputes between the Tribe and Sodak Gaming, Inc., which arise under that agreement decided by arbitration and enforced in the Tribal Courts.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Ogema to forward a copy of this Resolution, together with the executed Sodak Poker License Agreement to the Business Board of Little River Casino Resort.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 30, 2002, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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