



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 02-1211-03**

*Approval of Six Stipends Per Month Exception for the Gaming Commission*

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 is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(f) to create regulatory commissions by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council created the Gaming Commission by adoption of the Gaming Ordinance in 1999 and re-affirmed the Gaming Commission by adoption of the Gaming Commission Ordinance in May 2002 and delegated it the authority and responsibility to regulate the gaming activities of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has adopted the Commissions Ordinance, November 2001, to set forth general directions and restrictions regarding the activities of commissions of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance limits the stipends paid to commissioners to no more than four meetings per month; and

WHEREAS, section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance requires approval by the Tribal Council by adoption of a resolution to authorize payment of a stipend in excess of four per month; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission meets to conduct regular meetings reviewing policies and procedures of the Little River Casino and Resort, reviewing policies and procedures of the Gaming Commission, reviewing and monitoring reports from Surveillance, licensing, and compliance auditing, holding hearings on licensing decisions, making initial licensing determinations, and other matters related to the regulation of gaming; and



WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission strives to conduct this business as much as possible within the limited four meetings per month under the Commissions Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission cannot always meet the four meeting limitation as a result of hearing requirements and other business that must be conducted within time line limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Commission has requested approval for an exception to the four meeting limitation in section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance to be allowed to conduct six meetings per month where deadlines and business demands require such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that this is a reasonable request given the large scope gaming activities that the Gaming Commission must monitor and regulate;


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves an exception to section 9.02(a) of the Commissions Ordinance to allow members of the Gaming Commission to receive six stipends per month.

### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 5 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 11, 2002, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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