



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-0215-48**

*Approving Tribal Membership in the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA),  
Appointing Representatives to NIGA, and Approving a Budget Modification in the  
Amount of \$15,000 to Appropriate General Revenue Funds for Membership Dues in the  
National Indian Gaming Association*

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.) (hereinafter "Little River Act"); 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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution, has the power to provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, 7(i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Ogema and the Tribal Gaming Commission have recommended that the Tribe become an active member in the National Indian Gaming Association; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) is a voluntary association of member Tribes and Associate members representing federally recognized Tribal governments, gaming Tribes, Band and businesses engaged in gaming enterprises in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the primary purposes of NIGA are to promote, protect and preserve the general welfare and interests of gaming Tribes through the development of sound policies and practices with respect to the conduct of gaming in Indian Country, to assist in the dissemination of information to the Indian gaming community, the federal government and the general public on issues related to Indian gaming, to preserve and protect the integrity of gaming in Indian Country, and to maintain, protect and advocate Indian Tribal sovereignty; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the payment of \$15,000 to National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes payment for membership dues to be made from the Tribal Ogema budget under Program # 102, line # 5204 – Contract Services.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Ogema to complete any documents necessary for the Tribe to become a member of NIGA and affirms its commitment to the purposes and policies of NIGA, as set forth in NIGA's Articles and By-Laws.

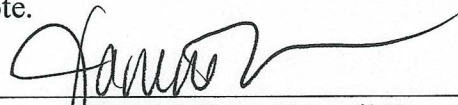
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby appoints the Tribal Ogema, Jonnie Jay Sam, II, as the Tribe's representative to NIGA.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council also appoints Council members Janine M. Sam and Carol Bennett as the Tribe's alternate representatives to NIGA.

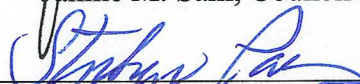
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the appointments for the above individuals will remain in effect so long as the delegated shall hold office as Tribal Ogema or on the Tribal Council

#### **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 February 15, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

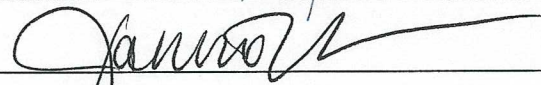
Presentation of Resolution Budget Modification to Tribal Ogema:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5(a)(6) and Section 5(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the foregoing Resolution modifying the "Continuing Budget for Fiscal Year 2003" as set forth in Resolution #02-1221-01, has been presented to the Tribal Ogema by the Tribal Council Recorder for his/her approval.

Date delivered to Tribal Ogema:

2/18/03

Signature of Council Recorder:

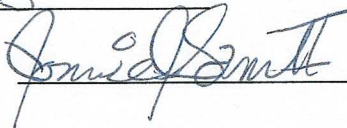


Action by the Tribal Ogema: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved (attach comments)

Date:

2/25/03

Signature of Ogema:



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