



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**  
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**Resolution # 03-0219-52**

*Authorization to Enter into Consulting Contract with Duane Hopkins, Inc., d/b/a Blue Buffalo Consulting*

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 and the Ogema have agreed to a Corrective Action Plan in regards to federal Single Audit Act findings which identify that a Chief Financial Officer will be contract with on an interim basis while the Tribe conducts a nation-wide search for a permanent Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has posted a Request for Proposals to which four firms replied by submitting proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema has reviewed the submitted proposals and has selected Blue Buffalo Consulting to offer a contract; and

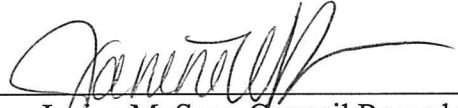
WHEREAS, there has been a legal review of the contract submitted for review and approval by the Tribal Council which meets the requirements of the Request for Proposal and calls for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for purposes of arbitration;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Ogema to enter into the Contract for Services with attachments.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the limited waiver of sovereign immunity under Article XI, Section 1 for purposes of arbitration as set forth in Attachment D to the contract.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 19, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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