



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0312-74

Authorizing Execution of Contract Renewal with Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; 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, did approve a Special Counsel Contract with the law firm of Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim for a period commencing June 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Tribe's Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Tribal Ogema and the Tribe's General Counsel have been satisfied with the services rendered under the contract and desires to renew the contract with that firm to cover the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the services contemplated in the renewed agreement are included within the Legal Department's Program Budget in the approved Tribal Government Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2003; 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

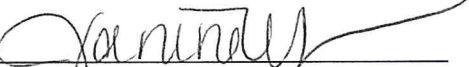
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (b) of the Constitution, has the power to authorize and ratify agreements and contracts negotiated by the Tribal Ogema.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians that the attached Attorney Contract with Ziontz, Chestnut, Varnell, Berley & Slonim is hereby approved and the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, is authorized to execute that Agreement on behalf of the Tribe.


CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 12, 2003, 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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