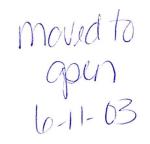


Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street Manistee, MI 49660 (231) 723-8288



Resolution # 03-0326-87

Notice of Decision to Not Negotiate a Management Agreement

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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 Tribe and Manistee Gaming entered into a management contract in 1999, which was amended in June 2001, to operate the Tribe's Gaming Operations; and
- WHEREAS, the Management Agreement extends for a five year period ending September 12, 2004, as the term of the contract begins with the Commencement Date identified in section 3.12 of the Management Agreement; and
- WHEREAS, the Management Agreement does not require notice to be given regarding the Tribe's intent not to negotiate a new Management Agreement, however, the Tribal Council desires to five such notice of its intent not to negotiate a new Management Agreement on or before one year prior to September 12, 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the Tribe is now able to assume management of the Gaming Operations at the conclusion of the Management Agreement;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians does hereby provide notice to Manistee Gaming, LLC, under Section 14.4.1 of the Second Amended and Restated Management Agreement of its intent to not seek to negotiate a new management agreement nor extension of the current agreement.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with <u>8</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, <u>0</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>1</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on March 26, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

anine M. Sam, Council Recorder

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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