

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0402-91

Support of Allocation of Federal Funds Regarding Wiisagaak (Black Ash) Endangerment

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 has been made aware of a danger to the Black Ash forest population in Michigan, Canada and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a long history of Black Ash basket makers in the Little River Band community and currently has several well known Black Ash basket makers; and

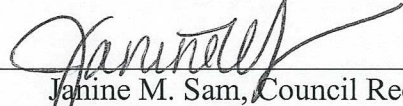
WHEREAS, the Black Ash tree has been a predominant resource for basket making by the Little River Band community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports the continued and ongoing support by federal funding of efforts to contain and eradicate the Emerald Ash Borer which poses a deadly threat to the Black Ash tree population in the United States;

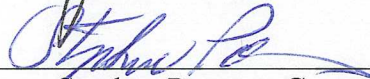
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby requests allocations be made to fund programs that contain and eradicate the Emerald Ash Borer in Michigan and other states to protect the Black Ash trees from extinction.

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 March 26, 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:

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