



*Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek*

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS**

**375 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660  
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**Resolution # 03-0402-94**

*Approval of Expenditure by Election Board*

**Reaffirming** that the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as an international, self-governing People and Treaty-making power, as confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

**Bearing in mind** that we are descendants of Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1795 Treaty of Greenville (7 Stat. 49), the 1821 Treaty of Chicago (7 Stat. 218), the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491), and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit (11 Stat. 621) with the United States, all as reaffirmed by United States law in P.L. 103-324; and

**Affirming** that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is authorized, subject to the veto of the Tribal Ogema, under the Article IV, Section 7(i)(1) of the 1998 Tribal Constitution, to approve expenditures of Tribal funds; and

**Affirming, as well** that the Tribal Council, pursuant Article V, Section 5(a)(3) of the 1998 Tribal Constitution, has exclusive authority to approve contracts between the Little River Band and external entities; and

**Acknowledging** that the Tribal Council adopted the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, # 01-100-04, that identifies and authorizes expenditures of funds within an approved budget through regulations created by the Tribal Ogema and adopted by the Tribal Council; and

**Noting** that the *Purchasing and Procurement Regulations*, # R100-01:AC-01, approved by the Tribal Ogema and Tribal Council, direct that authorization of expenditures in excess of \$10,000.00 must be made by the Tribal Council; and

**Observing** that the Constitution creates a constitutional entity responsible for conducting elections, the Election Board, which must act within the laws and regulations of the Tribe regarding expenditures of funds; and

**Taking into account** that the Tribal Council has approved an Election Board budget, which includes a sum of \$22,000.00 for the purpose of entering into contracts to assist the Electing Board in its duties; and

***Presented with*** a request from the Tribal Election Board for approval of a contact, in an amount not to exceed \$15,800.00, with *Automated Election Services*. to automate various processes of the 2003 Tribal General Election; and

***Having assurances*** from the Election Board that *Automated Elections Services* is an appropriate vendor to provide these services, as AES exclusively is familiar with the Tribe's membership records and possesses the necessary equipment and unique qualifications to conduct the these services; and

***THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVES*** the expenditure of budgeted funds in the amount of \$15,657.96 as identified by Purchase Requisition dated January 29, 2003 signed by chairman of Election Board and authorizes the Chairperson of the Election Board to enter into the contract the *Automated Election Services*, a division of Ink Impressions, Inc.

**Certificate of Adoption**

This Resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at its Regular Closed Session held at the Little River Band Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, on April 2, 2003, by a vote of 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT; a quorum of the Tribal Council being present for such vote.

Attest:

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker