



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0430-113

*Authorizing Execution of a Consulting Agreement with
IETAN Consulting, L.L.C. for Advocacy Services in Washington, D.C.*

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, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 (a)(4) and Article V, Section 5(a)(3) and (8) of the Band's Constitution, the Tribal Ogema, or in his/her absence, the Council Speaker is authorized to represent the Band in its relations with other organizations and manage the economic affairs/enterprises of the Band, in a manner consistent with the Tribal Constitution and resolutions of the Tribal Council

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and Tribal Ogema have identified the need to retain a firm in Washington, D.C. to assist the Band with advocacy and lobbying efforts with the Congress and administrative agencies of the United States government to protect and promote the Band's sovereign interests; and

WHEREAS, the Band has been working with Larry Rosenthal and Wilson Pipestem, from IETAN Consulting, LLC, to secure those services and have been satisfied with the results obtained by IETAN Consulting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been provided a proposed Consulting Agreement with IETAN Consulting, in the form attached, to provide services required.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema, or in the absence of, the Tribal Council Speaker, to execute a Consulting Agreement with IETAN Consulting, LLC in the form presented as attached.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council requests that the Tribal Ogema consult with the Tribal Council, not less than monthly, to assess and define the priority issues which IETAN Consulting is providing assistance to the Band under this Agreement and further requests that the Tribal Ogema provide monthly reports to the Council addressing the utilization of IETAN Consulting during the previous month.

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 April 30, 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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