

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0517-123

Acceptance of Final Audit Report - Review of Fiscal Year 2000 Audit Conducted by Robert Lewis, CPA

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníšhinaábek* (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 received notice of unacceptable audits as determined by at least two separate federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that review of the Tribe's financial records and re-auditing of those financial records from 1998 to the present should be conducted so as to provide a clear picture of the Tribe's financial activities and to comply with Single Audit Act requirements; and
- WHEREAS, as part of the review of the financial records and audits, the Tribal Council determined that an important piece of information was an analysis of the Fiscal Year 2000 audit report to determine the extent of non-compliance with Single Audit Act requirements; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council engaged an auditing firm to conduct that review and has received the final report;

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby accepts the "Review of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2000, Issued by Robert Lewis, Dated April 17, 2002."

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 Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on May 17, 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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