



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution # 03-0604-155

*Approval of a Moratorium on Implementation and Application of the Tribe's Collection Policies Until Final Determination is Made Regarding the Establishment of an Historic Preservation Office*

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the Tribal Council adopted the Collections Policy by motion on August 10, 1998 to better manage the cultural and historical documents, objects, and other items within the care of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recently commissioned an archeological study of the 'Custer Property' which has been submitted, and which identifies sites of significant archeological interest; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been requested to identify whether these sites should be listed with the State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been presented a proposal for the development of a Tribal Historic Preservation Office on which the Tribal Council has not yet acted; and

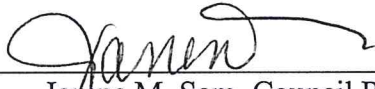
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received a summary attorney review of the Collections Policy which identifies areas within the document were amendments may be necessary and that the policy has not been fully implemented; and

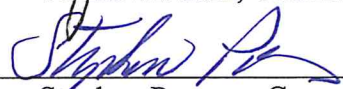
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that complete implementation of the Collections Policy may be unnecessary depending on the final determination of the development of a Tribal Historic Preservation Office or presentation of amendments to clarify application of the Collection Policy; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby places a moratorium on implementation of the Collections Policy which shall remain in effect until directed otherwise by Tribal Council by resolution.

**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 June 4, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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