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Resolution # 03-0604-157

*Approval to Engage Communications Manager Under 2 Year Contract and
Authorization of Exception to Resolution # 03-0423-105*

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 determined that an important aspect of government is the dissemination of information to the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has further determined that development of a communications office will assist members in understanding and participating in their Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has further determined that a communications office within the legislative branch that assists in the flow of information will generate greater understanding of the needs of the membership and the Tribe's affect on the community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has discussed the development of a communications office and has identified a proposal to implement and finalize the procedures of a communications office; and

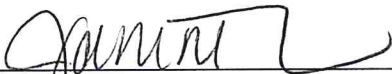
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that posting of this project for bidding, or development of a job description and program will unduly delay the implementation of a communications office to the detriment of the Tribe, Tribal Council, membership and community;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Speaker to enter into a Professional Services Engagement Contract to engage Melissa Zelenek as an employee of the Tribe for a two year period.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the exception to Resolution # 03-0423-105 which prohibits changes to the Tribe's personnel or organizational structure until the conclusion of the comprehensive review by the Tribal Council's human resources consultant.

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 Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 4, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices 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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