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Resolution # 03-0604-160

Authorization to Enter into Consulting Contract with Duane Hopkins, Inc., d/b/a Blue Buffalo Consulting Beginning October 1, 2003

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 and the Ogema agreed to a Corrective Action Plan in regards to federal Single Audit Act findings which identify that a Chief Financial Officer will be contract with on an interim basis while the Tribe conducts a nation-wide search for a permanent Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council ratified the contract with Blue Buffalo Consulting which ends on October 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Ogema and Tribal Council desire to enter into a second contract to provide for a three year engagement of Chief Financial Officer services which will create additional needed stability to the financial records and management of the Tribe and provide stability in the management of the Accounting Department; and

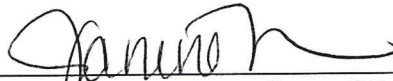
WHEREAS, there has been a legal review of the contract submitted for review and approval by the Tribal Council which meets the requirements of the Request for Proposal and calls for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for purposes of arbitration;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the Ogema to enter into the Contract for Services with Blue Buffalo Consulting as attached.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the limited waiver of sovereign immunity under Article XI, Section 1 for purposes of arbitration as set forth in Attachment D to the contract.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, 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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