

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 03-0611-171

Authorizing an Additional Encumbrance in the Amount of \$72,000 to Cover Fees and Expenses for the Months of March thru December 2003

Under the Consulting Agreement with Quest Management Co.

- 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 Ogema, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Tribal Constitution, is authorized to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe, provided such contracts are approved and ratified by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously approved a Consulting Agreement with Quest Management for project management services associated with a multi-faceted project designed to reaffirm the Tribe's Reservation Boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, the Legal Department has requested authorization to obligate \$72,000.00 in funds under the Rights Protection Line (Contract Services) item in the Legal Department Budget to cover fees and expenses payable to Quest Management between the months of March 2003 and December 2003; and

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WHEREAS, funds for this purpose were included in Legal Department's FY 2003 Budget for these purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the obligation of \$72,000.00 from the Rights Protection (Contract Services) Line in the Legal Department's FY 2003 Program Budget to cover fees and expenses associated with the services of Quest Management for the months of March 2003 thru December 2003.

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>1</u> ABSTAINING, and <u>0</u> ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 11, 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

Attest:

Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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Legal Department