



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-0611-172**

*Support for Continued Federal Funding for the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority*

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 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians participates in the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority and enforces the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority Commercial, Subsistence and Recreational Fishing Regulations within the Tribe's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) and its member Tribes have, under the terms of the Stipulation for Entry of Consent Decree, dated August 7, 2000 (the "Consent Decree"), entered in U.S. v Michigan (Case No. 2:73 CV 26) assumed significantly increased responsibilities for management, regulation and protection of Great Lakes fishery resources in treaty-ceded waters of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, prior to Fiscal Year 2003, appropriations for implementation of U.S. v Michigan mandates for CORA and its member Tribes did not provide base funding for establishment of biological and conservation enforcement programs for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians continues to commit to and support CORA and its activities as a joint Tribal governing agency protecting the natural resources available to Tribal members through Treaty reserved rights; and

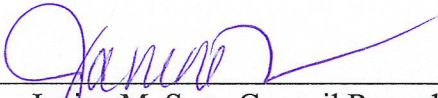
WHEREAS, the United States has a trust responsibility to provide CORA with sufficient funding to permit CORA and its member-Tribes to carry out the responsibilities mandated by the Consent Decree, which amounts should include funding for both the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Band;


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby urges the House Interior Appropriations Committee to include funding at not less than the FY2003 levels in the FY2004 Interior Appropriations in order to fund the activities of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority in implementing the 2000 Consent Decree for all participating Tribes.

**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 11, 2003, at the Little River Band's Downtown Offices in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Attest:

  
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Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder

  
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Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

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