



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660**

Resolution # 03-0618-175

EPA Watershed Initiative

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 has a responsibility to protect the waters of our reservation, and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency has grant funding available for improving the habitat and condition of the Manistee River, under the Watershed Initiative Program.

WHEREAS, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians wishes to submit an application in order to be selected for a grant for a Watershed Initiative Program.

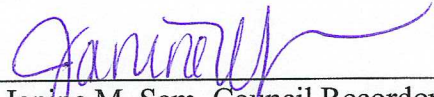
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution wishes to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a three-year project under the Watershed Initiative Program in the amount of \$600,000 for federal fiscal years 2004 - 2006.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians commits to a Tribal Cash Match of \$55,000 in the form of equipment use and staff time dedicated to this project.

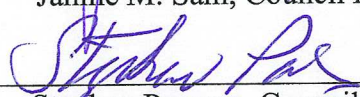
NOW THEREFORE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is utilizing a grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust in the amount of \$84,374 towards a match commitment for this project, in addition to \$112,000 from county road commissions that will be utilized for project specific activities.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 18, 2003, at the Little River Band's Community Center 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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