

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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**Resolution # 03-0625-193**

*Designating Spokesperson on Behalf of the Tribe Regarding Media Contacts Regarding Tribal Activities and Actions*

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 Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(j) 'to take action, not inconsistent with the Constitution or Federal law, which shall be necessary and proper to carry out the sovereign legislative powers of the Tribe'; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is in the process of concluding the Run-Off Election for the office of Ogema; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that the office of Ogema should be the representative to act as Spokesperson on behalf of the Tribe, however given the current transition in the office Ogema that continuity and a clear understanding of the issues facing the Tribe require the Tribal Council to designate a member of Council to fill this position on an interim basis; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that both a Spokesperson and a Communications Coordinator should be designated in order to avoid errors in information being delivered regarding the Tribe's actions or position on matters being discussed;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby designates Stephen Parsons, Tribal Council Speaker, as the Spokesperson on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and designates Jo Anne House, Legislative Counsel, as Communications Coordinator on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council hereby directs that all inquiries by media shall be forwarded to the Communications Coordinator at the contact numbers listed below. No employee is authorized to speak on behalf of the Tribe or in the course of his or her employment unless specific written permission is given by the Spokesperson. Any employee violating this restriction shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment.

Jo Anne House, Legislative Counsel

231-398-6838 (Primary phone number)

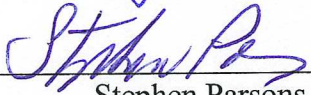
231-392-9780 (Secondary phone number)

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### **CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 3 ABSENT, at a Regular Closed Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 25, 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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